

# 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, August 23, 2020**

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



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Preacher: The Reverend Rosemary Parker

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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# 863 6716 5540 or use the link in this week's *Staying Connected* email. 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: As Longs the Hart for Flowing Streams (CP 541)**

**As longs the hart for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God;  
my soul does thirst for the living God:  
when shall I come to see your face?**

**My tears have fed me day and night,  
while others said, "Where is your God?"  
But I recall, as my soul pours dry,  
the days of praise within your house.**

**Why do I mourn and toil within,  
when it is mine to hope in God?  
I shall again sing praise to God,  
who is my help, who is my God.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
we are taught by your word  
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;  
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: Exodus 1: 8-2:10

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.

The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.

When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes."

So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,

**let Israel now say;**

if the Lord had not been on our side,

**when enemies rose up against us;**

then would they have swallowed us up alive

**in their fierce anger toward us;**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us

**and the torrent gone over us;**

then would the raging waters  
**have gone right over us.**

Blessed be the Lord!  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

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 16: 13-20

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Musical Meditation

## Intercessions and Prayers

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, “Hear our prayer.” Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. Lord in your mercy....

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for +Shane, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia; In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Bishops Michael Hawkins and Adam Halkett, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan. In our Diocese we pray for St. Bartholomew’s, Ottawa – The Rev. Canon David Clunie; For the new school year, for students of all ages and for their teacher and parents. Lord in your mercy....

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives. Lord in your mercy....

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our communities this morning and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women, the well and the sick that you will show your goodwill to all. Lord in your mercy....

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be strengthened in the faith. Lord in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses. Lord in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer. 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: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (CP 397)

**Praise the one who break the darkness  
with a liberating light.**

**Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.**

**Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.**

**Praise the one who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.**

**Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.**

**From this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.**

## Postlude

Coffee Hour - Join us on Zoom using this Meeting ID (863 6716 5540)  
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