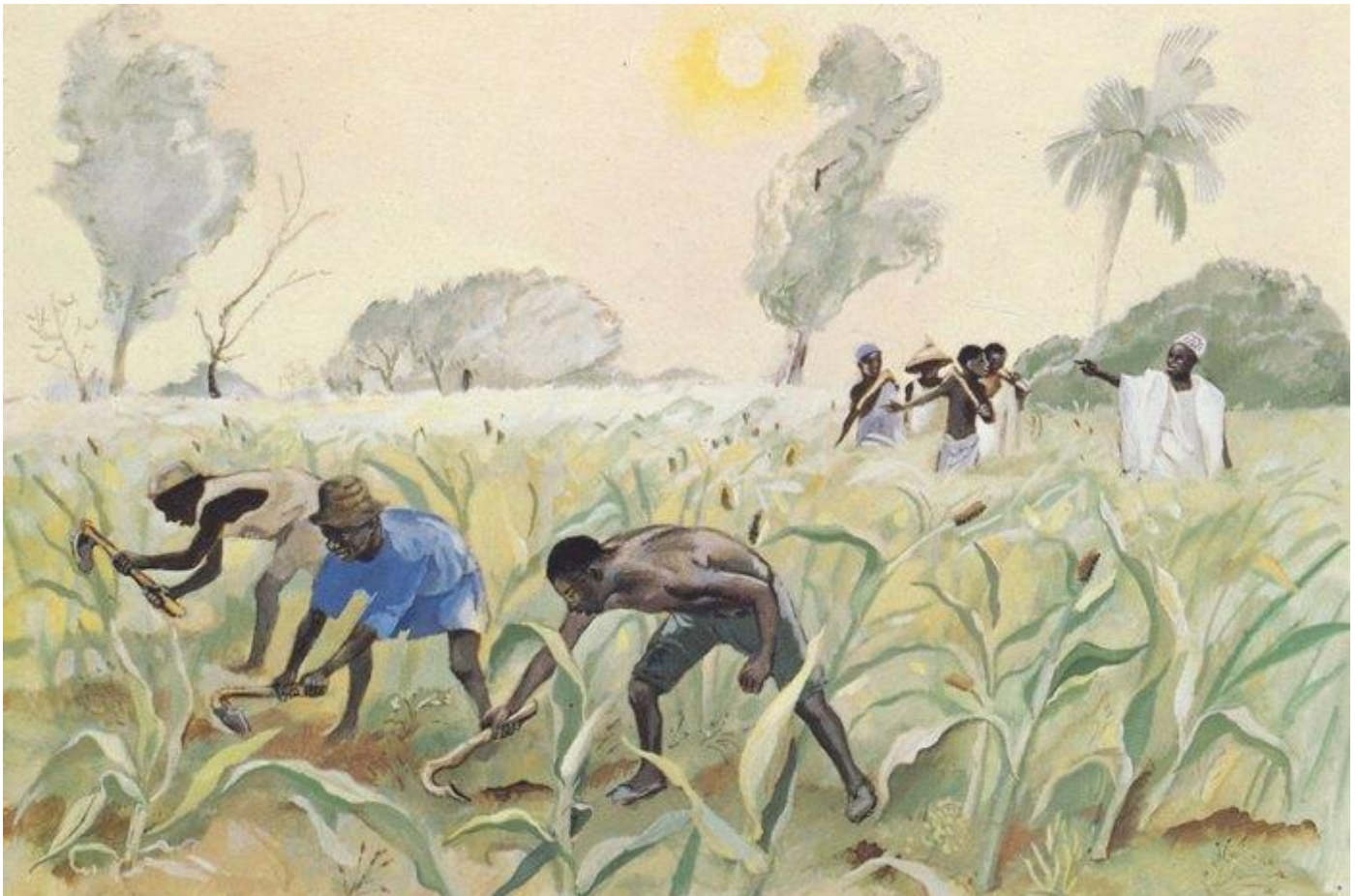


# Parish of Mississippi Lake

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Christ Church Ashton at 9:00 am – Rev. Rosemary Parker  
St James Franktown at 9:00 am – Ven. Brian Kauk  
St John's Innisville at 11:00 am – Rev. Rosemary Parker

St James Carleton Place at 9:00 am – Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry  
Livestreamed Service at 9:00 am - Parish of Mississippi Lake Facebook Page  
St Bede's Nolan's Corners – Ven. Brian Kauk

**Thank you for joining us for worship today! For those at home, remember to have your Candle and Prayer Space ready.**

## Prelude

*We are gathering today on 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

*As the leader lights the altar candles at church, those participating online are invited to light their own candles at home.*

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.**

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth,  
and ourselves in your image.  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
**and speak of all his marvellous works.**

Glory in his holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Search for the Lord and his strength;  
**continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done,  
**his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,**

O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**

He led out his people with silver and gold;  
**in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.**

Egypt was glad of their going,  
**because they were afraid of them.**

He spread out a cloud for a covering  
**and a fire to give light in the night season.**

They asked, and quails appeared,  
**and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

He opened the rock, and water flowed,  
**so the river ran in the dry places.**

For God remembered his holy word  
**and Abraham his servant.**

So he led forth his people with gladness,  
**his chosen with shouts of joy.**

He gave his people the lands of the nations,  
**and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

That they might keep his statutes  
**and observe his laws. Hallelujah!**

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

## Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

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.**

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Homily

### Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear and have mercy”. We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South Sudan. In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon. In our Diocese we pray for +Shane our Bishop; for Christ Church, Aylmer – the Revd. Jeannie Loughrey; for the Diocesan Directory of Stewardship Development – Jane Scanlon; for volunteer university and college campus chaplains and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Amen**

### Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

**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 neighbours 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.**



Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

*Remaining in your seats, bow to those around you.*

### Musical Offering

## The Holy Eucharist

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day.  
May we who are reconciled at this table  
bring wholeness to our broken world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer. [...]

Now, with all creation, we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; [...]

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain in your seats, and sanitize your hands.  
The celebrant will distribute communion down in the pews.  
When the celebrant has left your area of the church,  
briefly remove your mask to receive the host,  
put your mask back on, and then sanitize your hands again.*

## Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the Blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Please leave the church building as directed, and head safely home.*

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