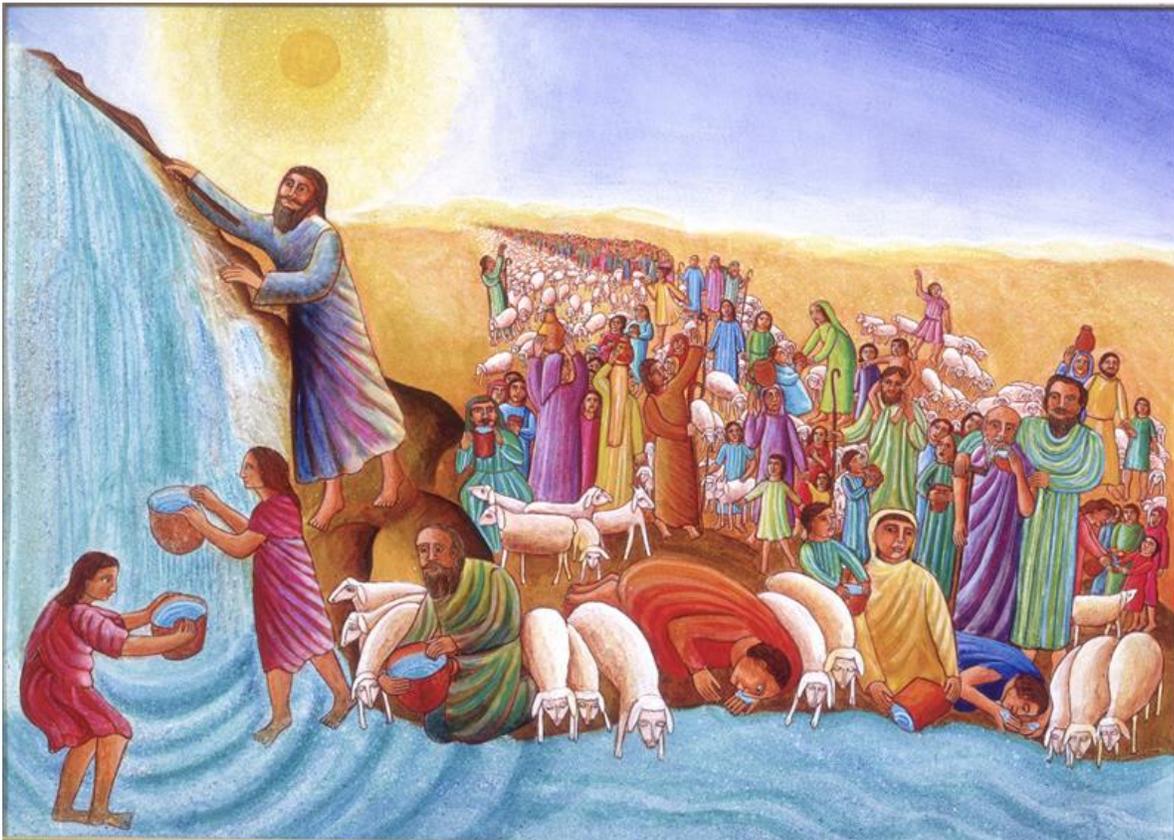


Parish of Mississippi Lake

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



Christ Church Ashton at 9:00 am - Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry; Preacher: Kirk Hansen, Lay Reader

St James Franktown at 9:00 am - Rev. Rosemary Parker

St John's Innisville at 11:00 am – Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry; Preacher: Kirk Hansen, Lay Reader

St James Carleton Place at 9:00 am - Ven. Brian Kauk; Preacher: Peter Hicks, Lay Reader

Livestreamed Service at 9:00 am - Parish of Mississippi Lake Facebook Page

St Bede's Nolan's Corners – Rev. Rosemary Parker

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

Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
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 17: 1-7

A reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

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 21: 23-32

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.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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, have mercy". For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Bishop, people, and clergy of The Territory of the People. In our Diocese, we pray for +Shane our Bishop; for St. Matthew's, Ottawa - The Revd. Geoff Chapman; for the chaplain to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police - The Revd. Canon Catherine Ascah. In our companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for St. Matthew's Church, Zababdeh, West Bank. We also pray for the Theodore Schneller Chapel, Amman Jordan, and for the School for Boys. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this community, for every city and community, and for those who live in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering, for all those affected by COVID-19, for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering St. Bede, St. James, St. John, and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

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

Prayer Over the Gifts

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.*

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hearts;
now we put our lives into your hands.
Take us, renew us and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you.
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

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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