

Parish of Mississippi Lake

Sunday, September 13, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Christ Church Ashton at 9:00 am – Ven. Brian Kauk
St James Franktown at 9:00 am - Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry
St John's Innisville at 11:00 am – Ven. Brian Kauk

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

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 call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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 14: 19-31

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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 18: 21-35

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.

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

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 Anglican Church of South America. In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Archbishop Melissa Skelton, people, and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon. In our Diocese, we pray for St. Helen's, Orleans – The Venerable Susan Churchill-Lackey and The Revd. Canon Peter Lackey and for Open Table Ministry to university students. 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 this community and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women, 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.

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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