

Parish of Mississippi Lake

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



9:00 am

Christ Church Ashton - Ven. Brian Kauk

St James Franktown - Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry

St James Carleton Place - Rev. Rosemary Parker, Lay Preacher: Brenda Million

Parish of Mississippi Lake - Livestreamed Service on Facebook Page

11:00 am

St John's Innisville – Ven. Brian Kauk

St Bede's Nolan's Corners – Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry

Thank you for joining us for worship today, as we mark the Season of Creation! 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

Opening Sentences

We gather in the image of the Creator,
who is a community of love.

We gather in the name of the Redeemer,
who reconciles all of creation.

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver.
who inspires new life and renews it.

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 of love, of your goodness, set us aflame
with that fire of the Spirit which Christ brought upon the earth,
and longs to see blazing throughout the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, and kindle in our hearts the fire of your love.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable 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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak

to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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: 33-46

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, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God our creator, who has given us the earth's goodness for our delight, and entrusted it to our care and tenderness.

For the Church, as we strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth. Today, we pray for In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican church of Tanzania. In the Canadian cycle of Prayer, we pray for Bishop Logan McMenamie, the clergy and people of the Territory of the People. In our own Diocese, we pray for our Bishop the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker; for the Area Parish of Prescott-North Glengarry: Holy Trinity, Hawkesbury; St. John's, Vankleek Hill; St. Michael and All Angels, Maxville; with the Parish of Grenville/Calumet and the Chapel of St. Paul's, Fenaghvale – the Rev. Claude Delorme, Interim Priest in Charge. We pray for the Diocesan Archives, its volunteers and for our Diocesan Archivist Dr. Glenn Lockwood.

Lord, we pray: may those who sow in tears,
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who live in captivity to debt, whose lives are cramped by fear from which there is no turning except through abundant harvest;

Lord, we pray: may those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who depend on the earth for their daily food and fuel, whose forests are destroyed for the benefit of a few;

Lord, we pray: may those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

For those who labour in poverty, are oppressed by unjust laws, are prevented from speaking the truth, and long for a harvest of justice;

Lord, we pray: may those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who are captive to greed and waste and boredom, whose harvest joy is choked with things we do not need;

Lord, we pray: may those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

Even in this time of pandemic, save us from all that holds us captive, restore our vision, that our mouth may be filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. **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

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before
you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field
shall clap their hands.

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **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 of all Creation,
as we have received the bread and wine,
Fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,
so with joy, we celebrate your goodness
And commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May God, the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

***Be sure to join us for our BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
today at 4:00 pm on Zoom. All of God's creatures are
welcome--see Newsletter for details!***

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