

THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

Sunday, November 22, 2020

The Reign of Christ

9:00 am

Christ Church Ashton – Ven. Brian Kauk

St James Franktown – Rev. Rosemary Parker

St James Carleton Place – Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry

Parish of Mississippi Lake - Live on Our Facebook Pages

11:00 am

St John's Innisville – Ven. Brian Kauk

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

St James Carleton Place – Rev. Rosemary Parker

Thank you for joining us in worship today! For those at home, have your Candles and Prayer Spaces 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.

O God, you command a light to shine out of darkness.
Shine in our hearts, that we may be as lights in the world,
reflecting the glory of Jesus in our lives.

God is light, and there is no darkness in him.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
win your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall

lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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 25: 31-46

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, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

Our Shepherd leads us beside still waters in all times and so let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. O Lord, our God, we pray for the church today. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Bermuda. In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office. In our Diocese, we pray for Bishop The Rt. Revd. Shane Parker and for Emmanuel, Arnprior – The Rev. Cathy McCaig. For St. Luke's Table, (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries) and its Executive Director Rachel Robinson. For the chaplain to the Ottawa Police Service, The Rev. Canon Robert Heard. In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, we pray for Emmanuel Church, Ramleh, Israel. As you have made Christ the head of all, help us to live faithfully as his body, continuing his mission in the world. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth. Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you, a song of praise to the rock of our salvation, for you are coming to reveal a new creation. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations. Drive out those wolves in sheep's clothing who abuse the weak and scatter the flock, Come and save us; bring us justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community. Help us to see Christ among our neighbours, serving those who are hungry and thirsty, naked and lonely, sick or in prison. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for loved ones. Remember the people of your pasture: rescue the lost, bind up the broken, heal the sick, and feed those who hunger. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

For the silent intentions we hold in our hearts (... a time of silence is kept...). Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to acknowledge human frailty, limitation, and even death, with confidence in you. We pray for those who have died and for families and friends who mourn. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Loving Shepherd, lead and guide us - in green pastures and by still waters, in right paths and through dark valleys, until we feast with you in glory and dwell in your house forever; through Christ our Lord and King.

Amen

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
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

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up,
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

*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

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts,
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with 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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