

# **THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE**

**Sunday, November 29, 2020**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am**

**Christ Church Ashton – Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry**

**St James Franktown – Brenda Million, Lay Reader**

**St James Carleton Place – Celebrant: Rev. Rosemary Parker; Preacher: Ven. Brian Kauk  
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**11:00 am**

**St John's Innisville – Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry**

**St Bede's Nolan's Corners – Brenda Million, Lay Reader**

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Adapted from Full Homely Divinity, accessed Nov. 18, 2020:  
<http://fullhomelydivinity.org/articles/advent%20fullpage.htm>*

*Eucharistic Prayer: The Scottish Liturgy 1982: Eucharistic Prayer I (General Use).*

*Unless otherwise indicated, materials are from The Book of Alternative Services (1985).*

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.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

### *Light One Candle on the Advent Wreath*

**Gracious God, we ask for the light of your peace and love to shine in our hearts and in our world. Help us to prepare ourselves and our homes to receive the Light of the world, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility,  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts,  
**how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you;  
**give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

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

## Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Mark

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

## Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray with the words Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

We pray for the peace of your Church in the world, that we increase in ardor for you and your children, and work in confidence for your coming reign. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Lusitanian Church. In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the members of the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission. In our Diocese, we pray for Bishop The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker and for Anglican Social Services – Centre 45 (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries), and their Acting Executive Director Rachel Robinson. In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, we pray for the Virgin Mary Episcopal Church, Irbid, Jordan. Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We pray for peace in every nation – that people will turn their swords into polishers and their spears into pruning hooks and study war no more. Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Pray for the peace of this community. We pray for peace in this place, for safety in our homes and streets, for the health of family, friends and for those who have asked for our prayers. 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.**

God of the future, make us ready to receive your reign, when you will bring everlasting peace and renew the face of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### The Peace

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 Continues Below  
For the Service of the Word please see page 10***

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### Prayer Over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son.

Accept all we offer you this day,

and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 him thanks and praise. [...]**

As children of your redeeming purpose, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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. [...]**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

**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

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.

Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **General Thanksgiving Prayer**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us,  
and all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love in the  
redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that, with truly thankful hearts,  
we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips,  
but in our lives, by giving up ourselves  
to your service, and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you  
and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

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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,  
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