

THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

December 25, 2020
Christmas

10:00 Am

St James Carleton Place – Ven. Brian Kauk

Parish of Mississippi Lake - Live on Our Facebook Pages

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 Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Light All Five Candles on the Advent Wreath!

**Loving God, we thank you that our waiting is over.
We thank you for the gift of your dear Son.
Help us to share your gift with the whole world,
and to show Christ's light and love to others;
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you wonderfully created
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.
May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,
who humbled himself to share our humanity,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God..

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

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

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace. 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

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.
May all we offer you today
renew us as members of your household.
We ask this in his name. **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.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
Day and night celebrate your glory, till time shall be no more.
In Christ, your Word became flesh,
and was born of the Virgin Mary.

He emptied himself, taking our human form,
That through his incarnation and passion
we might come to share in his divine nature.
Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation
moved over the face of the waters,
and overshadowed the blessed Virgin at Nazareth,
we await with joy the fulfilment of your new Creation.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who celebrate the birth of your Son,
we give you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
offering 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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.
In Jesus, the Messiah, you have come to us,
and lived for a time among us,
that we might for ever live with you.
In the manger at Bethlehem, in his flight to Egypt,
and as the carpenter's son,
the Only-begotten bent low to meet us.
Obedient to your calling, he accepted death on the cross.
When you exalted him on the third day,
and bestowed on him the name above all names,
he opened the gate of glory,
that we might be your children,
and share in his kingdom of Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples, he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”
After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts,
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love,
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.
Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light
and life.**

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

Father of all,
the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.
May he who made us your children
welcome us into your kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.
Amen.

Blessing

And may the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin,
and brighten your hearts with holiness;
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, surrounded by the light of Christ,
inspired with his purpose, and confirmed in his love.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer: "Eucharistic Prayers suitable for Christmas and Epiphany," The Scottish Episcopal Church (2016).

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