

THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

Sunday, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am

Christ Church Ashton – Rev. Rosemary Parker
St James Franktown – Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry
St James Carleton Place – Ven. Brian Kauk
Parish of Mississippi Lake - Live on Our Facebook Pages

11:00 am

St John's Innisville – Rev. Rosemary Parker
St Bede's Nolan's Corners – Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry

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 Light of the Advent Wreath

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Light Two Candles on the Advent Wreath

Gracious God, help us to remember that you are always with us. Cleanse our hearts of all thoughts and desires that keep us from loving you and our neighbor, and fill us with your love that we may be prepared to receive your Son when he comes, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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 1: 1-8

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.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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 peace in Christ's body, that we may proclaim your good news and be awake to your presence. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain. In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Primate: Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In our Diocese we pray for +Shane, our Bishop, for Cornerstone and for their Acting Executive Director Martine Dore. For the residents, staff, and Chaplains of the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre. Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in every nation - that ill will in the hearts of all people will be taken away in your refining fire, leaving only love. 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, and for the health of family, friends and 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**

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

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 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 our thanks and praise. [...]

As children of your redeeming purpose
who await the coming of your Son,
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.

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