

# THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

**January 3, 2021**  
Second Sunday after Christmas

**9:00 a.m.**

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**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.**

## Candle Lighting

Arise, shine, for our light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon us.

**Eternal God, who by a star led wise men  
to the worship of your Son: Guide by your light  
the nations of the earth, that the whole world  
may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

God of power and life,  
the glory of all who believe in you,  
fill the world with your splendour  
and show the nations the light of your truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147: 12-20

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;  
**praise your God, O Zion;**

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
**he has blessed your children within you.**

He has established peace on your borders;  
**he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

He sends out his command to the earth,  
**and his word runs very swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool;  
**he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;  
**who can stand against his cold?**

He sends forth his word and melts them;  
**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**

He declares his word to Jacob,  
**his statutes and his judgements to Israel.**

He has not done so to any other nation;  
**to them he has not revealed his judgements. Hallelujah!**

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: (1-9), 10-18

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.**

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 ...Hear our prayer. For the Holy Church of God, that all who have been baptized into Christ may shine like the dawn, bear witness to the Good News of Jesus, and light the way of salvation in Jesus' name. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; in the Canadian Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for The Most Rev. Mark MacDonald, National

Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous People; In our Diocese we pray for, +Shane, our Bishop; Church of the Epiphany, Gloucester and their Interim Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Alana McCord; In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Peter's Church, Birzeit, West Bank. Let us pray to the Lord...

**Hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the earth, that governments and those in authority may protect the vulnerable, shelter the oppressed and pursue the way of peace. Let us pray to the Lord...

**Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our town and for all places of human interaction and livelihood, that kindness may abound, compassion prevail, and harmony endure. Let us pray to the Lord...

**Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those troubled with illness, hardship, or conflict, that they may receive healing for their bodies, release from their burdens, and mending of their brokenness. Let us pray to the Lord...

**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 their families and friends who mourn. Let us pray to the Lord...

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, O God, for our eyes have seen your salvation. Let your light shine through us and fill the world with the radiance of your love revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns in glory.

**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

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

## 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 only-begotten Son,  
you have revealed yourself to the world.

By the guiding of a star, you made him known to the nations  
as the son of David and king of Israel;

that in following him,  
we might be led from darkness  
and into his marvellous light.

Filled with the Spirit,  
who descended upon your Son at his Baptism in the Jordan,  
we who are baptised in his name  
strive for his heavenly kingdom  
in whose radiance we are transfigured  
and the earth is transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose  
we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels,  
and the whole company of heaven  
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.  
Our hope is built on him, in whom you are well pleased.  
Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,  
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.  
The blind received their sight,  
the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed,  
and the captives set free.  
At his word, water became wine,  
the hungry were filled with bread,  
and the dead were raised.

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

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light.  
Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us  
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.  
May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord 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.*

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).