

THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 a.m.

St James Carleton Place – Presider: Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry; Preacher: Ven. Brian Kauk

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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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world.
May your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-20)

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the

Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
**they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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: 43-51

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.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer." O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia; in the Canadian Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund; in our diocese, we pray for +Shane our Bishop;

the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; For the work and ministry of our Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, The Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley; For our Diocesan Newspaper Crosstalk, and for Leigh Anne Williams, Editor. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. We especially remember the frontline workers and caregivers during this pandemic time. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; 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

Living God,

you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.

May we hear his word and follow it,

and live as children of light.

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 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 for Communion

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hearts;
now we put our lives into your hands.
Take us, renew us and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you,
still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you.
In your name we pray. 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

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).