

THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 a.m.

St James Carleton Place – Presider: Rev. Rosemary Parker; Preacher: Rev. Canon Mary Ellen Berry

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Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please 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, 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

Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ 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: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord!
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendour,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
**He makes his marvellous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

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: 21-28

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.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy." following "Let us pray to the Lord." We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil; in the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada; in our diocese, we pray for +Shane, our Bishop; Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa and their clergy The Very Rev. Beth Bretzlaff; The Ven. Douglas Richards; The Rev. Canon Hilary Murray; For all Archdeacons in our diocese; St. Peter's Lutheran Church and their pastor Elina Solonen. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick and those who care for them. For all who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear and have mercy. 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 steadfast love,
may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew us for your service.

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 offer thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
through your beloved servant Jesus Christ,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit

Christ was born of Mary,
and shared our human nature.

With loving arms outstretched upon the cross for us,
Jesus broke the chains of evil and destruction.

By the resurrection your will was fulfilled
and you gathered a holy people to offer you praise.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim your glory, as we say:

**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.**

To you indeed be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you;
do this, as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and our celebration,
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son,
and be filled with your life and goodness.
Strengthen us to do your work,
and to be your body in the world.
Unite us in Christ, and give us your peace.

May we praise you, and give you glory,
through your First-born, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **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 Adapted from "Eucharistic Prayer 3, from Celebrating Eucharist, Chapter 21"
by Rev. Bosco Peters (www.liturgy.co.nz).

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