

# THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

**February 14, 2021**

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

**9:00 a.m.**

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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

Almighty God,  
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses  
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:  
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,  
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

A Reading from the second Book of Kings

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When

they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50: 1-6

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;

**he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

**God reveals himself in glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence;

**before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.**

He calls the heavens and the earth from above

**to witness the judgement of his people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers,

**those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."**

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;

**for God himself is judge.**

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 9: 2-9

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.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

## Prayers of the People

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need, by responding to 'Hear us, O God' with 'For your mercy is great.' Grant to those who worship on this holy day a glimpse of your glory, that we might see your presence in all the gifts of daily life. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada; in the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Bishop, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador; In our own Diocese, we pray for +Shane, our Bishop; For the Director of Community Ministries, The Rev. Canon Dr. Peter John Hobbs and members of the Community Ministry Committee; Resurrection Lutheran Church and their pastor, Mei Sum Lai; For all called to vocations in the priesthood and religious life. Hear us, O God...

**For your mercy is great.**

Reveal yourself to us in the splendour of mountains and clouds, sunshine, and rain, that our praise may lead us to care tenderly for your creation. Hear us, O God...

**For your mercy is great.**

Give to the leaders of nations a vision of the world at peace, that they work together for the good of all people of the earth. Hear us, O God...

**For your mercy is great.**

Holy One, shed your light on lives overshadowed by illness and despair. Enlighten our paths of serving them, that all may experience your healing love and wholeness. Hear us, O God...

**For your mercy is great.**

Feed this congregation with your word and holy meal, that we may be transfigured to be the body of Christ for the world. Hear us, O God...

**For your mercy is great.**

God of unending light, we give thanks for those who have died. Turn our mourning into joy and peace and bring us all at last to the mountain peak of eternal life. Hear us, O God...

**For your mercy is great.**

Into your merciful hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray; through the Light of the world, your Son, Jesus Christ.

**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

'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus'

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluai! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleulia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the evil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

Alleulia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Holy God,  
receive all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that radiant glory  
which we see in the transfigured face  
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 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](http://www.liturgy.co.nz)).

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