

THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

February 7, 2021
Fifth 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! 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

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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: Isaiah 40: 21-31

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the

powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147: 1-12, 21c

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse,
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man.

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who await his gracious favour.

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: 29-39

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.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed. And Simon

and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

Living in the light of Christ, who reveals both our need and God's abundant love, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation, saying "**Your Mercy is Great.**" God of new life, renew your church. Breathe your word into us, showing us your will, so that we may live according to your purpose. Today we pray for: The Anglican Church of Burundi; In the Canadian Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland; in our diocese, we pray for +Shane our Bishop; The Area Parish of the St Lawrence and their clergy: The Venerable Peter Crosby, Deacon Richard Matthias; For all Regional Deans in our diocese; In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East, we pray for Christ Church, Nazareth, Israel. Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

Provide relief to all creatures that have been affected by harsh weather. By your creative power, renew the land and cleanse the water, so that signs of life may return to devastated places. Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

Provide shelter for those without homes. Grant protection to those who live on the street, and provide safety for all refugees. Guide organizations that reach out to displaced people. Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

Bind the wounds of the injured and make whole those who have broken bodies and hearts. We especially remember all those affected by COVID-19. Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

Grant respite to firefighters, police officers, paramedics, and all who respond to emergencies. Give them rest, so they may serve with strength and courage when help is needed. Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

Bind people together by your Holy Spirit. Be present in relationships between family members, loved ones, and friends, that each may find joy in the blessing of others. Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

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

God of compassion and forgiveness,
receive our offering this day,
and make us one with him who is our peace,
Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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).