

THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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! In Lent, we start the service with Confession. Please have your Candles already lit and Prayer Spaces ready before we begin.

Prelude

We gather 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.

A Penitential Order for Lent

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.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

Invitation to Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

Kyrie Confession

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray. [*silence*]

Gracious Father,
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,
evermore give us this bread,
that he may live in us, and we in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

A Reading from the Book of Numbers

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands;
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them
and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

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 3: 14-21

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.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “**Lord, have mercy.**”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord....

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec; In our Diocese, we pray for +Shane, our Bishop; St. Paul’s, Almonte and their priest The Rev. Jonathon Kouri; In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East, we pray for St. Paul’s Church, Shefa’Amr, Isreal. We pray to you, Lord....

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.....

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord....

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you Lord.....

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.....

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of god, we pray to you, Lord....

Lord, have mercy

Amen

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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 Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through 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 give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
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 this bread,
Communion in Christ' s body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion

For those in the church: 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.

For those viewing from home, you may offer a brief prayer of intention to receive the Lord Jesus, spiritually, into your heart, in communion with all the saints.

Everyone can say the following prayer together with the priest:

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

May the God of mercy transform you by his grace, 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 to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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