

**THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE**  
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**17th Sunday after Pentecost– 9:00 AM**  
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Christ Blessing the Children

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*Thank you for joining us in worship today! We invite you to find a candle you can light and prepare a space where you can join us in worship from wherever you are. Please have your candles already lit and prayer spaces ready before we begin.*

*We begin by acknowledging aboriginal land that has been cared for and inhabited by indigenous people since the beginning. For those who gather from beyond our parish, we invite you to acknowledge the traditional territory you are on today.*

# The Gathering of the Community

We gather today on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation.

**May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

*Announcements may be offered at this time. The people stand.*

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.**

*All may sing, this or another hymn as announced.*

## Hymn 314. Sing Praises, All You Peoples

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord!

## The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth,  
and ourselves in your image.

Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;

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

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and

beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

*Proverbs 31: 10-31*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm**

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel  
of the wicked,  
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
**everything they do shall prosper.**

It is not so with the wicked;  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when  
judgement comes,  
**nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

*Psalm 1*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Gospel**

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 on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Mark 9: 30-37*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

## The Prayers of the People

As disciples of Christ Jesus called to love and serve all people, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation with the words "Hear our prayer".

O God, make your church around the world generous in service and care to those who are poor.

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda
- In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon
- In our Diocese, we pray for +Shane, our Bishop; Christ Church, Aylmer: The Reverend Canon Kevin Flynn; For our diocesan Director of Communications and Stewardship Development, Jane Scanlon; For volunteer university and college campus chaplains; For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, bring favourable weather to farmlands, clean air to cities, and calm seas to coastlines. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Spirit of righteousness, bring peace to conflicts and disputes around the world. Fill leaders with mercy and gentleness born of your wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God our helper, it is you who sustains our life. Hear the prayers of those in trouble or in need, especially remembering **Julie, Al, Pat, Joan, Cindy, John, Chris, Lynn, Rick, Jerry, Margaret, Lynn, Marilyn, Prim, Thomas, Thelma, Frank, Carol** and any others we pray for, silently or aloud, this morning...Draw near to them with your healing presence. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of all, prepare us to welcome everyone into our midst, and readily accept the gifts they bring to the life and ministry of the congregation, and this parish. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, we give thanks for your servants of every generation. Help and defend us from all evil, until we worship and praise you around your throne with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All may sing, this or another hymn as announced.*

## Hymn 482. Come and Journey with a Saviour

1 Come and journey with a Saviour  
who has called us from our birth,  
who has washed us in the waters,  
and who loved us on the earth.

### *Refrain*

Come and journey, come and journey  
with a Saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters;  
in the Spirit we are one.

2 Come and journey, journey inward,  
come and seek him deep within,  
where he meets us in our living,  
in our striving and our sin.

### *Refrain*

3 Come and journey, journey outward,  
telling others of his name,  
telling others of his glory,  
of his cross and of the shame.

### *Refrain*

4 Come and journey, journey outward,  
where that cross calls us to care,  
where injustice and where hunger  
and the poor call us to share.

### *Refrain*

5 Come and journey, journey upward.  
Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
In the storm and in the stillness  
find his presence everywhere.

*Refrain*

Come and journey, come and journey  
with a Saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters;  
in the Spirit we are one.

6 Come and journey, journey onward;  
all our gifts we now shall bring  
to the building of a city  
that is holy, Christ its King.

*Refrain*

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

God of power,  
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.  
Accept our offering this day,  
and help us to live in peace and harmony  
with all your creation,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love

and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and saying (*singing*):

*CP 719, LAND OF REST*

**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.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.  
**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.  
**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## The Communion

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

*At live-streamed services the priest will invite the people to offer a prayer of communion using these words: “**Dear friends, wherever you may be, receive Christ; in communion with the saints and the gathering of God’s people, unseen yet present with us now.**” At other parish liturgies, the priest may remind the people that others who are not able to be present will be praying the following prayer:*

And so, together we pray,  
**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.**

*Adapted from A Wee Worship Book,  
Wild Goose Resource Group*

*The people physically present receive communion. Those who do not wish to drink from the cup should cross their arms over their chest to indicate that. The minister will lift, not offer, the cup while saying ‘The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation’ or similar words. The communicant gives the usual response of ‘Amen’.*

## Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.**  
**Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All may sing, this or another hymn as announced.*

### **Hymn 371. To God Be the Glory**

- 1 To God be the glory, who great things has done!  
God so loved the world, freely sending his Son,  
who yielded his life and atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear God's voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father

through Jesus the Son,

and give God the glory,

who great things has done!

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God:  
that when the offender, repenting believes,  
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.

*Refrain*

- 3 Great things God has taught us,  
great things God has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!

*Refrain*