

# THE PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE

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Celebration of a New Ministry – 7:00 PM

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San Clemente

# Celebration of a New Ministry

## 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.**

**Hymn of Praise. #465 “Hear in This Place New Light is Streaming”**

*All may sing.*

My brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Jonathan Askwith has been chosen to be associate incumbent of this parish of Mississippi Lake.

After prayerful consideration,  
and according to the practice of this diocese,  
the bishop has appointed Jonathan  
to this position of leadership  
in our common ministry.

This ministry continues the good work  
done through the years in this community,  
and is part of the work and witness  
of the whole church.

It is a new beginning  
because Jonathan brings particular gifts  
to our ministry together.

As we stand in God's presence  
let us pray that grace will be given to Jonathan,  
and to all of us in this ministry,  
that we may fulfil the responsibilities  
which are ours.

*Silence is kept.*

O God,  
you chose your servant Clement of Rome  
to recall the church of Corinth  
to peace in the body of Christ.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit  
dwelling in the Body of your Son,  
reveal what is not yet known,  
confirm what you have already revealed,  
and keep us blameless in our service of your truth;  
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 second book of Kings.

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. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

*2 Kings 2: 9-14*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Hear my teaching, O my people;  
**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

I will open my mouth in a parable;  
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us,  
**we will not hide from their children.**

We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,  
**and the wonderful works he has done.**

He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel,  
**which he commanded them to teach their children;**

That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn;  
**that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

So that they might put their trust in God,  
**and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments.**

*Psalm 78: 1-7*

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 Luke.

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

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

*Luke 6: 37-45*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

# Covenant in Ministry

*The officiant, standing with the new minister and the churchwardens before the congregation, may then describe the process by which the new minister has been chosen.*

*The churchwardens say,*

We certify  
that the required oaths and declarations  
have been made,  
and the letters of appointment and licence  
have been read in our presence.

*The officiant says,*

Do you,  
in the presence of this congregation,  
commit yourself to the responsibility  
entrusted to you?

*The new associate incumbent replies,*

I do.

*The officiant asks the people of the parish to stand and says,*

Do you, the people of the parish of Mississippi Lake,  
commit yourselves to share with Jonathan  
in the ministry of this parish?

**We do.**

*The officiant asks visitors to stand, and says,*

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ,  
will you support Jonathan and the parish of Mississippi Lake  
in their ministry together?

**We will.**

Let us affirm the ministry of our baptism.

**We are the household of God.**

**We confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we share in his eternal priesthood.**

**Hymn #474 “Jesus Where’er Thy People Meet”**

*All may sing.*



## **The Prayers of the People**

Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
we are called to proclaim  
the story of God's love and mercy  
and, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Christ:  
I ask your prayers for Jonathan who has come among us  
to preach the word of God and to teach the faith.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We are called to be a sign and witness  
of God's purpose for all the human family:  
I ask your prayers for Jonathan who has come among us  
to share our joys and sorrows,  
to counsel, reconcile, and comfort;  
to nurture this community of faith.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the committees and organizations  
of our church and community,  
and for Jonathan, that in wisdom and humility,  
in discernment and good humour  
he may join with us  
in working for the building up of Christ's Church.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for us all,  
that together we may learn the ways of the kingdom,  
patterned in worship and practised in love.  
Together may we welcome strangers,  
stand with outcasts,  
and support those who are broken,  
in the pattern of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,  
you have given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplications to you,  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together  
you will hear their requests.  
Fulfil now our desires and petitions,  
as may be best for us,  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come eternal life;  
for you are good and loving,  
and we glorify you  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*The new associate incumbent says,*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **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.**

## **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 in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn #278 “Jerusalem the Golden”**

*All may sing.*