

**The Anglican Parish of Mississippi Lake  
welcomes you to worship with us!**

*We gather today on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin people. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

**Sunday, July 3 –  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*The full order of service we're using today can be found in the Book of Alternative Services on page 185 or one of our worship booklets. Speak to a greeter if you're unsure what we're using this morning.*

***Hymns will be announced, and hymn numbers  
are posted on the hymn board.***

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**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of your children  
we do also for him.  
Give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## First reading

A reading from the second book of Kings

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do

something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

*2 Kings 5: 1-14*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive reading**

*Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 30. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.*

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
**and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
**and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
**you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
**give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
**his favour for a lifetime.**

Weeping may spend the night,  
**but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.  
**You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."**

Then you hid your face,  
**and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord;  
**I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
**O Lord, be my helper."**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

*Psalm 30*

**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.**

## Second reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

*Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16*

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## **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.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

*Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## The Prayers of the People

*If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone you love, please contact the church office at [office@lakesideanglicans.ca](mailto:office@lakesideanglicans.ca) or 613-257-3178.*

We continue today to pray for peace among nations and peace in Ukraine.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada**, we pray for The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Athabasca; The congregations of the southern area of the Saskatchewan Synod.

**In our Diocese**, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as The Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada: Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Michael Pryse; St. Thomas the Apostle, Ottawa: The Reverend Tim Kehoe; St. Thomas, Woodlawn & St. George's, Fitzroy Harbour: The Reverend John Stopa

**In our Parish** we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Katie, Regina, Dave, Bonnie, Marion, Marlene, Linda, Violet** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... *(Short silence)*.

Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Almighty God of Promise, you have established a large family through your Son Jesus. Send your children into the world preaching good news of salvation, and welcoming lost sisters and brothers. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You have made all creatures with care. Bless pet owners, farmers, animal rescue workers, veterinarians, and all who care for animals. Help us extend your love to all inhabitants of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You give hope to captives, and set prisoners free. Be present in the lives of all who are imprisoned, guiding them to paths of reconciliation with those they have harmed. Restore the lives of those affected by crime. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You give direction to those who are lost. Lessen confusion for those who live with mental illnesses, and provide clarity for all people in need. Make us all whole by your healing touch. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts of this congregation to all who come seeking Christ. Lead us to extend hospitality to all visitors, as Christ welcomes us into his presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**