

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Area Parish of Mississippi Lake, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace. This land 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.

Page numbers refer to the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymn numbers in Common Praise are as indicated.

Opening Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Common Praise 306

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

The Holy Eucharist

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The Gathering of the Community

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.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us
in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make
us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First reading

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites

who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
**the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to
the innocent.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light
to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
**the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous
altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?
cleans me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19

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 first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many

members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4: 14-21

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Let us confess our faith, as we say,
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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@stjamescarletonplace.ca or 613-257-3178.

January 18-25 is the [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#). We pray today for unity in the diversity of Christ's Church across the world, that his followers "may all be one," as he and the Father are one, "so that the world may believe" and have life in his name (John 17).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada, (ACC) we pray for the Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada **(ELCIC)** and for the dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod

In our Diocese, we pray for Bishop Shane Parker; for St. Paul's, Hazeldean-Kanata and their priests the Reverend Stephen Silverthorne & the Reverend Alana McCord; for the Postulants of our diocese: Bob Albert, Claire Brama, Stephanie McWatt and John Holgate; and for Faith Lutheran Church and their pastor Martin Malina.

In our Parish we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Jennifer, Marlene, Ed, Marg** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning ...*(short silence)*.

Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers, in confidence that God loves and listens, with the response 'Hear our prayer.'

O God, you gather us into the Body of Christ. Help us honour one another's gifts and work together as one. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

O God, you fill the world with wonder; help us to be good stewards of your handiwork. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O God, you give value to each of us; not one of us is more or less important in our sight. Help us to see one another through your eyes. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O God, you proclaim liberty to all those who suffer. Help us be a presence of comfort to those who are oppressed by illness, poverty, or powerlessness, so that your Spirit might give them relief from their pain. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O God, you promise us resurrection; help us reach out to those who weep and mourn, that we may share in the joy you have prepared for all your saints. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things, and whatever else that we need, with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace in the name of the Lord. Please add a comment on YouTube if you are watching online.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord..
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3

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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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining 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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,

out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “ Take, 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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving

to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
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 6

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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 Communion

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

This prayer is intended to help us all focus on the sacrament of Holy Communion, whether we receive the bread and wine in-person or not. You may wish to offer this prayer privately, or aloud when worshipping as a group.

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.¹

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Dismissal

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.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

¹ Adapted from [A Wee Worship Book](#), Wild Goose Resource Group

Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend or sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea,**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
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