

# 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, March 13 – Second Sunday in Lent

*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 the hymn numbers are posted on the hymn board.***

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### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross,  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

*Genesis 15: 1-2, 17-18*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive reading

*Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 27. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

**the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries,  
who stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me,  
**yet my heart shall not be afraid;**

And though war should rise up against me,  
**yet will I put my trust in him.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
**and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head  
**above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
**I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
**Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me,  
**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
**the Lord will sustain me.**

Show me your way, O Lord;  
**lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
**for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.**

What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord  
**in the land of the living!**

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
**wait patiently for the Lord.**

## Second reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*Philippians 3: 17-4:1*

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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.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*Luke 13: 31-35*

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 Melanesia

**In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada**, we pray for **(ACC)** The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec

**(ELCIC)** Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

**In our Diocese**, we pray for Bishop Shane Parker; St. Paul's, Almonte and their priest The Reverend Jonathon Kouri; In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for St. Paul's Church, Shefa'Amr, Israel.

**In our Parish** we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Robert, Rob, Margaret, Ross, Ruth, Ethel** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... *(Short silence)*.

Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life, with the words 'Hear our prayer.'

God of promise, raise up leaders in your church who place their trust in you. Give them vision and sustain them with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to the goodness of the universe you created. Guide us in our care for the earth that we may bear witness to your love for all that is yours. Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Shed the light of your mercy and peace among us and to the far corners of the world. Protect all people from suffering, and lead us in the path of justice. Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and sustain those who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Renew us during this Lenten time of preparation. Strengthen our faith, and be with all who pray, fast, study your word, and undertake acts of mercy in your name. Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your loving care all who have died. Help us trust in your eternal love and the promise of resurrection that is ours in Christ. Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**