

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, April 3 – Fifth 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.

The Collect of the Day

Most merciful God,
by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.
May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to him 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 Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.



Anonymous. Anointing the Feet of Jesus in the House of Simon, the Pharisee, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56158> [retrieved March 29, 2022]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Christ_in_the_House_of_Simon_1470s.jpg.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 126. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Psalm 126

Second reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3: 4b-14

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Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

John 12: 1-8

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 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 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada, we pray for **(ACC)** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario **(ELCIC)** The congregations of the Eastern area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario 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;
The Parish of March: the Reverend Dr. Jon Martin and the Reverend Cathy McCaig

In our Parish we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Robert, Rob, Margaret, Ross, Ruth, Ethel, Ed, Marg, Ed** 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 who makes all things new, be with those seeking the life-giving water of baptism. Renew our faith, that we might prepare the way for others. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Awaken plants and animals from their winter rest, and bless the work of those who toil on land and sea. Grant us favourable weather and a spring season filled with the promise of an abundant harvest. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Raise up faithful leaders who will govern with wisdom. Defend those who are victims of war, poverty, or injustice. Show all nations the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Bring wholeness to those who are broken, healing to those who are sick, hope to those who are despondent, and comfort to those who are afraid that they may know your loving care. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Create a spirit of hospitality within your church. Grant that we might welcome others as you have welcomed us. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the gift of life. Comfort those who mourn, and welcome to the eternal feast all who have passed through the gate of death. 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.**