

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

*We gather this day on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.
May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

Sunday, February 5, 2023– 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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.***

The Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob
their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my
ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and

did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 112.

The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor,
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honour.**

The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 112: 1-10

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those

who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

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Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5: 13-20

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 or 613-257-3178.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada, we pray for The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland; The dean, council, and congregations of the Two Rivers, Nith Valley and Niagara Areas of the Eastern 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 and Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Michael Pryse; St. James, Otter Lake and all who minister there; For all Regional Deans in our diocese.

In our Parish we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **David, Beth, Judy, Elizabeth, Karlie, George, Frank, Peter** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... *(Short silence)*.

As God's children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need, responding to 'Hear us, O God', with 'For your mercy is great'.

Form your church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that our good works may give you glory. Hear us, O God...
For your mercy is great.

Use the collective work of government agencies, relief organizations, and advocacy groups to bring an end to injustice, oppression, hunger, and homelessness. Hear us, O God...

For your mercy is great.

Bring healing to lands and waters that are polluted or neglected, and teach us restraint, that the resources of the earth may be distributed justly and fairly. Hear us, O God...

For your mercy is great.

Tend to the needs of all who cry out to you, especially those facing economic uncertainty, those without hope, and those living with fear, grief, or illness. Hear us, O God...

For your mercy is great.

Gather this community of faith around the mystery of Christ crucified, that our lives be poured out for one another and the sake of the world. Hear us, O God...

For your mercy is great.

Gather us, with all your holy ones, to receive what no eye has seen, no ear heard, and no heart conceived: the blessing of unending life in your presence. Hear us, O God...

For your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

This Week in the Parish

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN ASHTON, CARLETON PLACE, FRANKTOWN,
INNISVILLE, NOLAN'S CORNERS & CLAYTON

February 6, 2023

Tuesday, February 7.

Afternoon Social Group. 2 pm. Parish Hall.

Wednesday, February 8.

St James Breakfast Table. 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

Holy Eucharist. Stoneridge. 10 am.

Palm Crosses. Please bring your old palm crosses to church before February 19th so we can turn them into ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Tuesday, February 21. Pancake Supper at St James Carleton Place. Tickets at the door. Adults: \$10; children 4-12 \$5; children 3 & under: free.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 12 noon. Sung Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at St James' Carleton Place. This is the only service this year.

NEW! The Book of Revelation Bible Study on zoom. Tuesday evenings beginning February 28. 7-8:30 pm. Register with Mary Ellen at mb1@bell.net (One of the most misunderstood books in the Bible...interested in learning more?)

Annual Vestry Meetings

St James Franktown "Chapter": February 19. Worship @ 1pm; meeting@2pm

St James Carleton Place "Chapter": February 26.

Christ Church Ashton "Chapter": February 26 @ 1pm following worship & light lunch

Details for St George's Clayton are to be confirmed