

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

**Sunday, November 19, 2023
25th 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.***

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
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 Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Judges 4: 1-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 123. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

**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.**

Psalm 123

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

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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, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to

all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25: 14-30

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 pray for the peace in the land of the Holy One and for St Matthew's Zababdeh, the partner parish of St James' Carleton Place, for the Rev. Saleem Dawani and all people in their care (*silence...*)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada, we pray for The Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office as well as The General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation.

In our Diocese, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Sacred Circle, and the Ministry of Reconciliation and National Indigenous Archbishop, The Most Rev. Christopher Harper; Church of the Epiphany, Gloucester: The Reverend Simone Hurkmans.

In our Parish we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Christina, Stevie, Lennon, Elijah, Carol, Keith, John, Sandra, Nancy, Heide, Rob, Sigrid, Pat, James, Sheila, Andy, Ineke, James, Cheryl, Frank** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... *(Short silence)*.

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Shane our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives. Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women, the sick that you will show your goodwill to all. Lord in your mercy....
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be strengthened in the faith. Lord in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those preparing for baptism and for those recently baptized: that they may be strengthened in the faith. Lord in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may counted among your faithful witnesses. Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer. Amen.

This Week in the Parish, November 20

- **Cabaret: A Celebration of the Season.** Friday, December 1. 7-9 pm. St James Carleton Place. Tickets \$25 which includes a complimentary glass of wine and charcuterie. Cash Bar. Music by Somerset Combo: Tony Stuart & Ric Denis along with our very own Ian Guenette. Tickets on sale in the church office or Graham Shoes.
- **Wednesday, November 22.** Knitting Group meets in the Quiet Room after breakfast. 10:30-noon.
- **Our Parish newsletter deadline** for the December issue will be Tuesday, November 28. Please send your submissions to office@stjamescarletonplace.ca