

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, January 28, 2024 4th 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

Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
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 Deuteronomy

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 111.

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

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord!
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendour,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvellous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

**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 111

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Mark 1: 21-28

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 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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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

In our Diocese, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as Staff at Ascension House; Christ Church, Bells Corners: The Venerable Monique Stone.

In our Parish we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **James, Leeann, Ed, Frank, Elizabeth, Dennis, Ben, Ray, Barbara, Krystal, Pam** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... (*Short silence*)

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy." following "Let us pray to the Lord."

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy. Amen**

This Week in the Parish: January 29, 2024

- **Palms:** Please bring palms from last year to church with you for collection. These will be burned and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday service. Collection boxes will be available at your church. Thanks.
- **St. George's Community Hot Breakfast:** Feb 3rd 9 am to 11 am. By donation. All welcome
- **St. George's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** Feb 13th 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Adults \$10.00; children 5-12 years \$5.00; Under 5 years free. For more information call Kathy at 613-256-9010
- **Tuesday, February 13. 5-7 pm. Pancake Supper. St James Carleton Place.** Tickets at the church office. 150 tickets to be sold. Advance sales preferred but remainder of advance sales will be sold at the door. Adults. \$15/children 4-12 years \$7.00/3 & under free.
- **Sunday, February 4 at 4 p.m. Evensong:** St James Carleton Place



Area Parish of Mississippi Lake

Vestry Meetings:

Sunday, February 18

St James Carleton Place after 10 am
service

St James Franktown 1 pm

Christ Church Ashton after 11 am
service

Sunday, February 25

St George's Clayton 1 pm