

# 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 11, 2024 Transfiguration Sunday

*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.***

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

Almighty God,  
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses  
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:  
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,  
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## First reading

A reading from the second book of Kings

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended

in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*2 Kings 2: 1-12*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive reading**

*Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 50.*

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

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;

**he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

**God reveals himself in glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence;

**before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.**

He calls the heavens and the earth from above

**to witness the judgement of his people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers,

**those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."**

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;  
**for God himself is judge.**

**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 50: 1-6*

### **Second reading**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*2 Corinthians 4: 3-6*

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## **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.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Mark 9: 2-9*

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 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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada**, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador; The dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod.

**In our Diocese**, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as Our Community Ministries: Belong Ottawa: (Centre 454; St. Luke's Table; The Well/La Source); Centre 105 (Cornwall); Cornerstone Housing for Women; Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre; Refugee Ministry. We also pray for Church of the Ascension, Ottawa and The Reverend Victoria Scott.

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

We pray for Barbara Hamilton who has died, and for her family who mourn. Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen**

## **This Week in the Parish: February 12, 2024**

- **TODAY, Sunday, February 11. Special Financial Update** from David Nephin after the 8 am and 10 services.
- **St. George's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** February 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 tickets will be sold at the door. Adults. \$15/children 4-12 years \$7.00/3 & under free.
- **Christ Church Ashton Pancake Supper:** February 13 from 5-7 pm. Adults. \$15/Youth 5-12 years \$7.00/children under 5 free.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: February 14.**  
St James Carleton Place Noon; St George's Clayton 7:00 P.M.

### **Area Parish of Mississippi Lake Vestry Meetings:**

#### **Sunday, February 18**

St James Carleton Place after 10 am service

St James Franktown after 1 pm service

#### **Sunday, February 25**

Christ Church Ashton after 11 am service

St George's Clayton after 1 pm service

#### ***A TIME OF PRAYER:***

#### ***LISTENING FOR DIVINE SPARKS IN OUR MIDST***

<https://ottawa.anglican.ca/resources/a-time-of-prayer/>

*Individuals and parishes are asked to pray for God's wisdom as we listen for how God calls us to engage in the world. Here is a suggested prayer for the coming month:*

Living God, as we listen for your divine sparks in our midst, strengthen us for your service by your grace. Help us remember that we are like trees planted by your life-giving water and keep our hearts and minds open to hear your desires for our diocesan church, our parish, and our community. Give us your wisdom so that we might bear fruit worthy of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen