

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, March 17, 2024— Fifth Sunday in Lent

The full order of service we're using today can be found in the Book of Alternative Services as announced 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

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 Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 51.

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Psalms 51: 1-12

Second reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5: 5-10

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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.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

John 12: 20-33

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 Church in Wales.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal; The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario Synod. We also pray for the elimination of racial discrimination.

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, The Ministry of Reconciliation and our National Indigenous Archbishop, The Most Rev. Christopher Harper; The Area Parish of South Carleton, St. John the Baptist, Richmond: The Reverend Allan Budzin Deacon Tamara Connors.

In our Parish we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Frank, Elizabeth, Helene, Betty, Marg** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... *(Short silence)*.

Please also pray for Ed Weldon, who has died and Marg and family who mourn. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord and let light perpetual shine on him.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord....**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. We pray to you, Lord....**Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.....**Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord....**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to the Lord.....**Lord, have mercy.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.....**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord....**Lord, have mercy**

Amen.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday: March 28.

St James Carleton Place. 7:00 pm

St George's Clayton. 7:00 pm

Good Friday: March 29.

St James Carleton Place. 11:00 am

Christ Church Ashton. 11:00 am

St George's Clayton. 1:30 pm

Easter Eve Great Vigil of Easter: March 30

St James PERTH. 7:30 pm

St Jimmy's Table: Easter Egg Hunt. Saturday, March 30 at 10 AM.

The Gospel of Matthew is Brilliant.

Join us for a four-session ZOOM Bible Study to find out why.
Tuesdays 7 pm to 8:30 pm. April 2, 9, 16, 23. To register, please
contact Mary Ellen before March 31 at mb1@bell.net

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:

"As we engage in *A Time of Prayer* across our diocese to listen for your divine sparks in our midst, we remember that you, O God, have been with your church since its beginning. You are with us now, and you will be with us as we prayerfully discern how to support your action in the world you love. Help us keep our hearts and minds open to hear your desires for our diocesan church, our parish, and our communities, and give us your wisdom and grace so that we can faithfully bring them to fruition. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."