

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, April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Collect of the Day

O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First reading

A reading from the book of Acts

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Acts 4: 5-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 23. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;
**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 23

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

1 John 3:16-24

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The 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.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

John 10: 11-18

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 Australia.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron; The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod.

In our Diocese, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, the Rt Rev Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Sacred Circle Events, and the ministry of reconciliation. We also pray for St. Columba, Ottawa and all who minister there as well as for theological education, students, teachers, and field education supervisors

In our Parish we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Helene, Betty, Rosemary, Wade, Amber, Pam, David M.** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... *(Short silence)*.

Today we pray for Gerry who has died, and for Kim Vala and family who mourn. Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Transformed by the life-giving power of the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need saying, "Your mercy is great."

Led by the Good Shepherd who gathers and guides, let us pray for the Church. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Led to quiet places of rest and renewal, let us pray for the protection and preservation of wilderness and sanctuary, parks and reserves. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Led to a table of plenty where everyone is welcome, let us pray for international relief agencies, soup kitchens, and food pantries, and for all who are fed by them. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Led through dark places and difficult circumstances, let us pray for the lost, the discouraged, and for all who are ill or in need of care and tending. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Led at the last to our eternal home, let us soothe the dying, comfort all who mourn, and give thanks for the departed. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Hear our prayers, gracious God, and grant all that we need to live as your Spirit-filled people, in the name of the risen Christ.

Amen.

Upcoming Events

Christ Church Ashton.

Lasagna Dinner & Musical Presentation. Saturday, April 27. 5-6:30 dinner, followed by musical presentation. \$25/person (cash at door only). \$12/child (6-10 years). 5 and under free.

Music: Hope and Peace by Uother2 (folk, pop, rock and U2 cover songs). Reserve your ticket by April 24th. Limited seating. LeeAnn Lyons 613-250-8430 or leeann.lyons@explornet.com

Plant Sale. Saturday, May 11 or 25th. 8:30-11:30 a.m.

St George's Events

Community breakfast Saturday, May 4; 9-11am. Donations accepted however not expected. All welcome. Information 613-256-9010.

Quilt show and tea on Saturday May 11; 11:30am-3:30pm. \$15. Information 613-256-9010.

Fiddle service on Sunday, June 2. Musical prelude 10am, worship service with fiddle accompaniment 10:30. Lunch following. Info 613-256-9010.

St James Carleton Place

Mother's Day Tea & Fashion Show. SOLD OUT! There is a waiting list in the office, for those who were unable to get tickets. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

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, we thank you that through the resurrection of Jesus our lives and ministries are transformed. Give us humble and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have made known to us. May we be bold in serving you and bringing your Good News to our communities. Help us to share of ourselves and our possessions with one another and especially with people in need. Amen."