

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

*We gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinàbeg.
May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

Sunday, October 6, 2024 20th Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
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 book of Job

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job.
That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and
turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to
present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among

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them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 1: 1; 2:1-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 26. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

Whose hands are full of evil plots,
and their right hand full of bribes.

As for me, I will live with integrity;
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

My foot stands on level ground;
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

**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 26

Second reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

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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 Mark

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10: 2-16

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.

As we gather in prayer this morning, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (Anglican Cycle of Prayer).

In the Canadian Lutheran-Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia; The dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod. We also pray for people and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing.

In our Diocese, we pray for Shane, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, and the Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, as well as The Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Carla Blakley; For the Diocesan Archives, its volunteers, and for our Archivist Dr. Glenn J Lockwood; St. Matthew's, Ottawa and the Reverend Geoff Chapman.

We pray all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Mary Helen, Tom, Ineke, Pam, John, Peg, Sandra, Trudy** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... *(Short silence)*.

Today, we pray for Martha Nolan who has died, and for Frankie Leach and family who mourn. Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

As disciples of Christ Jesus called to love and serve all people, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation, with the words "Hear our prayer".

God who came as servant of all, grant your church the vision to see your purpose, the strength to do your will, and the love to serve others in your name. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Architect of the universe, in your wisdom you laid the foundations of the world. Nourish the earth with your loving care and provide for the needs of all living things. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guardian of the weak, transform the powerful of the world into self-giving servants, that justice and peace may prevail over tyranny and oppression. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Refuge of the weary, deliver those who are wounded, oppressed, sick, or suffering. Answer the prayers of all who call upon you and uphold them in your loving hands. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Spirit of the living Christ, stir up in this congregation a spirit of humble servanthood, and strengthen our commitment to help those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy and Righteous One, you are the source of salvation for all who believe in you. We rejoice in the lives of your faithful servants, who now share in the eternal joy you have prepared for all your saints. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

Upcoming Events

St James Carleton Place. A friendly reminder to bring in your signed Stewardship Covenant envelopes next Sunday, so we can thank you!

Saturday, October 12. St George Clayton will be holding their monthly breakfast. 9-11 a.m. Donations accepted, however, they are not expected.

Sunday, November 10. 2 pm. Scott Woods presents “Yee Haw”

Location: Carleton Place Arena (Upper hall)

Proceeds support St George’s.

Tickets \$45 each with a credit card by calling The Scott Woods Band at 1-855-726-8896 toll free or online at www.scottwoods.ca

Alternatively, you can purchase locally at Burns Jewellers (Carleton Place & Perth), the General Store (Clayton), Baker Bob’s (Almonte) or by calling Ray/Kathy 613-256-9010. Cash only please.

St James' Annual Snowflake Bazaar is coming!

Saturday, November 9

A reminder to put aside your items for the Christmas table.

If you love to change your Christmas décor or are just downsizing it, please think of us. All items gratefully received!

Drop off for these items is Thursday, November 7 from 2-4p.m. or Friday, November 8 from 10-4 p.m.