

**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 26, 2025–
3rd 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

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
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 Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 19.

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

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**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 19

Second reading

A reading from the first of Paul to the Corinthians

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not

belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

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Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4: 14-21

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 Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian 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; The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod as well as The people and ministries of Millwoods Moravian Church in Edmonton.

In our Diocese, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan and Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; as well as Staff at Ascension House; Christ Church, Bells Corners and The Venerable Monique Stone.

We pray for our own needs and for the needs of others... *(please offer your prayers aloud or quietly in silence provided).*

Today, we pray for Jake Gallipeau who has died, and for Peggy who mourns. Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers, in confidence that God loves and listens, with the response 'Hear our prayer.'

O God, you gather us into the Body of Christ. Help us honour one another's gifts and work together as one. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

O God, you fill the world with wonder; help us to be good stewards of your handiwork. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

O God, you give value to each of us; not one of us is more or less important in our sight. Help us to see one another through your eyes. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

O God, you proclaim liberty to all those who suffer. Help us be a presence of comfort to those who are oppressed by illness, poverty, or powerlessness, so that your Spirit might give them relief from their pain. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

O God, you promise us resurrection; help us reach out to those who weep and mourn, that we may share in the joy you have prepared for all your saints. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things, and whatever else that we need, with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

This Week in the Parish: January 27

TODAY: St James CP Loaf and Ladle is coming up January 26 after the 10 am service. "Donations are welcome". Birthday cake for our January Birthdays will also be celebrated.

Tuesday:

- 7 pm. Zoom: Pop-Up Parables with Mary Ellen

Wednesday

- 8:30-10:30 am. Breakfast. St James Carleton Place.

Thursday:

- 7 pm. Choir Practice. St James Carleton Place.
- 7 pm. ZOOM: Parish Central Committee Meeting.

Saturday:

- **Spaghetti Dinner:** St James Carleton Place. Doors open at 5 pm; dinner begins at 5:30 pm. Tickets available at the church office or by e-transfer. \$30 each. Includes complimentary glass of wine. (Children under 8 years: free)

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David Moat will be commission as a Licensed Lay Reader in the Parish of Mississippi Lake on **Sunday, February 2 at 4 pm** at the service of Evensong at St James' Carleton Place.