

**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 23, 2025—
Seventh 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,
your Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving love.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 37.

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

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwelt in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them;
**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

**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 37: 1-12, 41-42

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

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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.

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Luke 6: 27-38

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 of Bangladesh

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton; The dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod; The anniversary of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum (or Unity of the Brethren) on March 1, 1457, in Bohemia, as well as an end to human trafficking and modern slavery.

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 and **St. Mark the Evangelist, Ottawa** and all who minister there.

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

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need with the words, 'Hear our prayer.'

Holy God, you call us to share your word of love. Make your church strong to proclaim your word in love and action. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

You make the sun to rise and the rain to fall on all. Feed rich and poor, land and animals, with your abundance. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer**

You call us to the ways of justice, Lead all who govern in the path of justice, so that those in need will not be forgotten. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

All in need belong to you through Christ. Strengthen weary caregivers. Comfort those who are sick and in pain. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

Help us to trust that your Spirit dwells in us. Show us the way to be your holy people. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the departed, remembering the example of faith by which they lived and all the ways in which they were a sign of your presence. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

This Week in the Parish: February 24

TODAY: Loaf and Ladle after the 10 a.m. service in the hall. Donations accepted.

Tuesday: 7 p.m. ZOOM Pop-Up Parables with Mary Ellen.

Wednesday

- 8:30-10:30 am. Breakfast. St James Carleton Place.
- 7 p.m. CCA Vestry in the hall.

Thursday: 7 pm. Choir Practice. St James Carleton Place

NEXT SUNDAY: Joint Service with the Parish of Mississippi Lake at 10 am. St James Carleton Place. NO 8 am service. Vestry for Carleton Place will follow coffee hour in the hall.

Pancake Suppers

Tickets are on sale at the church office for **St James Carleton Place's Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, March 4. 5-7 pm.

Children 3 & under: free; children 4-12 years: \$7.00; Adults: \$15.

Only 125 tickets to be sold. E-transfer:

tickets@stjamescarletonplace.ca

St George's Clayton Pancake Supper: Tuesday, March 4 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets \$12 for adults; children 5-12 years \$6; Under 5 years free. At the door.