

# 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, May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

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### The Collect of the Day

O God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.  
Open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work,  
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 Acts

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

[The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got

up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

*Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive reading**

*Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 30. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.*

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
**and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

O Lord my god, I cried out to you,  
**and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
**you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
**give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
**his favour for a lifetime.**

Weeping may spend the night,  
**but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.  
**You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."**

Then you hid your face,  
**and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord;  
**I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
**O Lord, be my helper."**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

*Psalm 30*

**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.**

## **Second reading**

A reading from the Revelation to John

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

*Revelation 5: 11-14*

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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.**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said

to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

*John 21: 1-19*

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](mailto:office@lakesideanglicans.ca) or 613-257-3178.*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for The Church of Ireland.

**In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews, Episcopal Administrator, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moosonee; The congregations of the Winnipeg area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod; The Rt. Rev. Michael Johnson, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province).

**In our Diocese**, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan and Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; as well as The Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Archbishop Hosam Naoum; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Carla Blakley; St. Barnabas, Ottawa and The Reverend Canon George Kwari.

We pray for our own needs and for the needs of others...

***The leader will offer names of those in need of prayer. Please speak to the clergy, lay reader or a greeter if you want to add a name to today's prayers. In the silence provided, members of the congregation may offer a name as well.***

Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation, saying "Hear our prayer."

You feed us with your word and holy meal. Bind together all who eat at Jesus' table, that we may be a visible sign of your presence in the world. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You open our eyes, and we marvel at the beauty of your creation. Teach us to be good stewards of the waters and lands, of the plants and animals. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You widen our hearts to care for peoples and nations around the globe. Look with kindness on all our neighbours, especially those with beliefs and customs different from our own. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You tend your lambs that are weak and needy. Heal the wounded, comfort the afflicted, bless the dying, and soothe the suffering. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You call us to follow you, like the fishermen of Galilee. Strengthen our congregation in our work and in our play, in our weeping and in our rejoicing. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **This Week in the Parish: Week of May 5**

**Tuesday, May 6:** Afternoon Social Group. 1:30 pm. St James Carleton Place.

**Wednesday, May 7.**

- St James Breakfast Table. 8:30-10:30 am
- Holy Eucharist. 10 am. The Terrace

**Thursday, May 8:** Choir Practice. 7 p.m. St James Carleton Place.

**Langtry Scholarship 2025:** Forms for those entering their first year of post-secondary education are available at the church office. This is open to everyone in the Parish of Mississippi Lake. Please call or email the church office to receive a form. Renewal forms & first-time applications are **due May 15, 2025.**

**Plant Sale: Christ Church Ashton, Saturday, May 10, and Saturday, May 24, 8:30-11:30 a.m.:** We offer a variety of wonderful plants, including flowers, perennials, herbs and vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, squash, etc.) We would appreciate any plant donations. For more information, contact LeeAnn:

[leeann.lyons@xplornet.com](mailto:leeann.lyons@xplornet.com)

**Saturday, May 24. Queen Victoria Birthday Tea & Fashion Show.**

St James Carleton Place. Tickets on sale now at the church office. \$25 each. Children up to age 12: \$12. With fashions by Acquisti Urban Boutique.

### **The Annual BIG GIVE Event is Happening on June 7!**

We are excited, once again, for St. James to be part of the annual Big Give event. Our contribution to this movement of generosity on June 7 will be happening from 10 am to 11:30 am. We are thrilled to have hot dogs, tasty treats and drinks available along with musical offerings, crafts, games and a car boot sale. Everything is FREE! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to give back to our community.

If you would like to be part of the FREE car boot sale at the event, please contact Lynn Hyndman at [lynn.hyndman@rogers.com](mailto:lynn.hyndman@rogers.com). If you would like to volunteer at the event or contribute to it, please reach out to Kate Sweeney at [kattyrock@gmail.com](mailto:kattyrock@gmail.com). We can't wait to make this best BIG GIVE event yet!

For information on the Big Give movement, please visit: <https://thebiggive.ca>