

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 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 Acts

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16: 9-15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 67. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 67

**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

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 10, 22-22:5

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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 answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

John 14: 23-29

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 Kenya.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa as well as for Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and for peace in the Middle East.

In our Diocese, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan and Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; as well as for the staff at Ascension House; St. Paul's, Renfrew and Emmanuel, Arnprior and The Reverend Susan Smandych; For custodial staff serving the parishes and ministries of our diocese.

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."

O God, our temple, we pray for the whole church and all its leaders; for the denominations with which we are in full communion, and for those from whom we are estranged. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, our water of life, we pray for this fragile earth; for all creatures that creep or run, that fly or swim; for all places that need to be made well. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, our advocate, we pray for nations broken by violence; for world leaders, for those in the military, for peacemakers; and for all who daily live in fear. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, our tree of life, we pray for all who hunger for your fruit; for adults and children who are starving; for all who feel spiritually empty; for all producers and preparers of food. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, our healer, we pray for our congregation and our neighbourhood; for individuals who are lonely; for families that wish for peace at home; for travellers in our midst; and for all who hurt. 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 26

Tuesday, May 27

- Stewardship Meeting. 10 a.m. St James Carleton Place.

Wednesday, May 28

- St James Breakfast Table. 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- St James Council Meeting. 7 p.m. St James CP

Thursday, May 29:

- Cemetery Board. 11 a.m. Quiet Room. St James CP.
- Choir Practice. 7 p.m. St James Carleton Place.
- CCA Council Meeting. 7 p.m. Christ Church Ashton

Friday, May 30:

- Celtic Knots. 10 a.m. Quiet Room
- St. Jimmy's Table. 5:30 p.m. St James Carleton Place.

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. If you would like to volunteer at the event or contribute to it, please reach out to Kate Sweeney at 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>

JOINT SERVICE: ONE SERVICE ONLY ON June 1. @ St. George's.

The Eucharist worship service conducted by Father Brian and Father Robert begins at 10:30 with will also be their Annual Fiddle Service. The musical prelude of good old fiddle tunes begins at 10am with eight fiddlers and a guest pianist. Familiar and favourite hymns will be accompanied by the guest musicians. A light lunch will follow. The St. George's congregation is looking forward to welcoming all members of the Parish of Mississippi Lake for the first time.

St. Jimmy's Table is meeting Friday, May 30 at 5:30 pm at St. James Parish Hall. Our theme this month is 'Celebrating Creation,' thinking about the story of Noah's Ark and the beautiful promise of this spring season. As always, there will be fun, fellowship, food and faith-formation, and it is ALL FREE! ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! We look forward to seeing you at the end of the month.

Parish Newsletter deadline is Thursday, May 29. Please send your submissions to the church office. office@stjamescarletonplace.ca