

# Church of the Ascension

## Sudbury, Ontario

‘With thee is the welof life: and in  
thy light shallwe see light.’

(Psalm 36.9, Coverdale)

-Bishop’s motto for 2015

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**December 24, 2015**

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# THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION: SUDBURY

Christmas Eve Family Service 2015  
4pm- The ABC's of Christmas

Thank you to our narrators and readers: Maggie Leigh, Mary Leigh, Victoria Leigh, Kylie Moulton, Jayna Martin, and Gary Bate.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Processional Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful #118



- A is for Angel
- B is for Bethlehem
- C is for Census
- D is for Donkey
- E is for Exhausted.

**Song:** O Little Town of Bethlehem # 121

F is for Family.

**Reader:** Luke 2:6-8

G is for the Good News



**Song: Hark the Herald Angels Sing #138**

**H** is for Hope. We light the Advent candle of Hope.

**I** is for Imagine.

**J** is for Joy. We light the Advent candle of Joy.

**K** is for King

**L** is for Lost

**L** is also for Love.

**M** is for Manger

**N** is for Noel

**O** is for Offering

**P** is for Peace. We light the Advent candle of Peace.

**Q** is for Quiet

**Prayers around the manger.(lead by Maggie) Blessing of the Manger by Rev. Jeff.**

**R** is for Revealed

**S** is for Star



## **Offertory**

**Away in the Manger #126**

**T** is for Table.

**U** is for Unity

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Communion**

**V** is for Vulnerable

**W** is for Wonder

**X** is for Christ.

**We light the Christ candle, symbolizing the coming of light into the world.**

**Y** is for You

**Z** is for Zeal.

## **Closing Hymn**

**Silent Night #119**

### ***Notices:***

*Welcome to the Church of the Ascension and our Christmas Eve celebration. Whether you are visiting from out of town or a regular at the Ascension we pray that you will experience the joy of this holy season as you worship with us. May Christ's love surround you, enfold you and fill your heart with all the blessings of this precious time.*

*The Ven. Anne Germond (Rector); the Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacher; The Rev. Rhonda Hirst; the Rev. Jeff Hooper; the wardens and members of the Board wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Blessed Christmas and New Year.*

*All Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist, if you need a gluten free host, please make the sidespeople aware of it so that they can accommodate your request.*

*The Christmas Offering envelope may be used for your Christmas thank offering. This gift is used for our Outreach ministries in 2016.*

*Thank you to the sidespeople and greeters, the readers and other lay leaders who are participating in tonight's liturgy. Special thanks to those who prepared the altar for worship and set up extra chairs.*

*There will be two services on December 27<sup>th</sup>; at 9am and 11am.*

*The office will be closed from 28<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Rev. Anne at 705.671.6223.*

### **A Christmas Blessing**

- May you give and receive love generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on Christmas day.
- May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honour given to the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.
- May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment..
- May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind and soul.
- May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day.
- May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world.

### **In our prayers...**

As we celebrate Christmas with our family and loved ones we give thanks for our families and the many ways in which they bless our lives.

We give thanks for our parish family and for the support and friendship we receive from each other.

We remember in our prayers at this time:-

Those who are seeking healing for body, mind and spirit, especially....

Those who are homeless and cold, particularly the thousands of refugees who are staying in camps around the world; that they may find a home for their families.

Those who are hungry, lonely, or who have no one to love them; that they will be filled, cared for, and be surrounded by compassion this Christmastime.

Those who mourn the passing of loved ones; that they may be comforted.

Those who live in countries disrupted by war or unrest; that they may find peace.

### **Christmas Flowers for 2015**

The flowers are given to the glory of God and:

In loving memory of Keith Munro – from his wife Jean and family.

In loving memory of David Brian Nauss and Barry John Nauss from parents Earl and Vanna Nauss.

In loving memory of our son Robbie, our parents, sisters and brother, from Dan and Nancy Turner, Lisa and Cheryl.

In loving memory of Ross Morton from his loving wife Marjorie and family.

In memory of loved ones not with us at Christmas from Vince and Sandra Paquette.

In loving memory of John Stack; from wife Rhea and family.

In loving memory of George Trimmer; from his wife Anne

and family.

In loving memory of Julie Binder Nelson; from husband  
Beaumont.

In loving memory of William and Dagmar Chipchase; from  
Floyd and Joyce Laking.

In loving memory of Harold Derbyshire, and parents  
Charles and Dorothy Germond; by Colin, Anne, Caitlin  
and Richard.

In loving memory of Anne Winfield; from daughter Cheryl  
Zeglen.

In loving memory of Ron, Christina and Doug Wilson; from  
Betty Bonas and family.

In memory of loved ones from Chris Cawte and Molly Rob-  
erts.

The flowers are given in thanksgiving to the Ven. Anne Ger-  
mond for her love, care, generosity and faithfulness to the As-  
cension with love from her parishioners.

The flowers on December 27<sup>th</sup> are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Joan Cox; from daughter Jane and  
family.

The flowers on December 27<sup>th</sup> are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of my father Hubert Lewis' 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday; by  
Molly Roberts and family. Happy Birthday dad!

#### A Note of Thanks from the Germonds

“Thank you for all the special cards, messages, gift cards, do-  
nations to the Rev. Anne Germond Fund, sweet and savory  
treats, and baking this Christmas. We have been thoroughly  
spoiled and feel surrounded by your love and caring. May you  
be blessed, as you bless us. Colin, Anne, Caitlin and Richard.”

