



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:12, 14)

Bishop Anne's Motto for 2018

Holy Eucharist:	Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Wednesday 9:30 am
Morning Prayer:	Wednesday 9:00 am and Friday 9:00 am
Evening Prayer:	Wednesday 8:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 pm
Messy Church:	1st Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm

Welcome to our worship!

It is good to have you here with us today. If you are visiting the Church of the Ascension for the first time, please know that the Anglican Church teaches that all who are baptised in any Christian tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of communion.

Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 am & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

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First Lesson Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Psalm 22:22-30

Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

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Holy Gospel Mark 8:31-38

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The flowers today are given by Del Gates in memory of his wife Elizabeth Gates. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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What's happening this week...

Feb. 25, 2018	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Feb. 26, 2018	6:30 pm	Blanket Exercise
Feb. 27, 2018	6:30 pm	Children's Ministry Meeting
	7:30 pm	Indigenous Activities Meeting
Feb. 28, 2018	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist and Bible Study
	8:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Mar. 01, 2018	6:30 pm	Alpha
Mar. 02, 2018	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
Mar. 02, 2018	2:00 pm	World Day of Prayer

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of Central Africa - The Most Rev'd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, for our Metropolitan, Archbishop Colin Johnson, for our Diocesan Bishop, Anne; for our Archdeacon, Glen, and for our parish clergy Fr Aidan, Fr. Bob, & Fr. Jeff.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for St. George's Espanola and St. Thomas French River and lay Incumbent Beverly Van Der Jagt.

We pray for the members of the ARK Refugee Steering Committee as they help Manar settle into her new home.

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week, especially Nancy Turner, Diane, Linda, Richard, George, Derald Balson, Dan Turner, Barbara Blanchard, Inge, Priscilla Allurut, Canon Michael & Muriel Hankinson, Theresa Kuehl (Megan's grandma), Brandon, Heather Kennedy, Donna Barnes, Daryl Keen, Donna, and Carol, Viren, Lil Bowman, Irene Ginson-Fiss, Julie, Karrie, Joyce and Gary Costello, George Hunt, Spruce, Tamara, Jim Hunter, Peter, Eddy, Lucette, Caleb, Nancy, Elaine, Marshall McCulloch

We pray for the repose of the soul of Glenn Lloyd, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes, or who find it difficult to join us for church on Sundays; Milt Fleming, Margaret Villeneuve, Velma Tansley, Karin Hoffman, Laurent Constantineau, Bessie Morgan. May they always feel God's presence in their lives.

In our parish we pray for our wardens and leaders and in our parish family, we pray for Peter and Louise Foucault, Dave and Noella Fowler, Cathy Frost and their families.

We pray for those who are caregivers to sick and frail loved ones. We pray that the God of love will surround them with people to look after them and grant them rest.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, February 25th, 2018

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalm (Psalm 22:22-30)

Refrain **R**: All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. **R**

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. **R**

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. **R**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!" **R**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. **R**

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. **R**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. **R**

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. **R**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 4:13-25)

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 8:31-38)

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Prayer over the Gifts

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

Prayer After Communion

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.