

What's happening this week...

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| Mar. 11, 2018 | 8:00 pm | Evening Prayer |
| Mar. 13, 2018 | 6:30 pm | Parish Life Meeting |
| | 7:30pm | Board Meeting |
| Mar. 14, 2018 | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Eucharist and Bible Study |
| | 8:00pm | Evening Prayer |
| Mar.15, 2018 | 6:30pm | Alpha |
| Mar.16, 2018 | 9:00am | Morning Prayer |

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of England The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury

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 **Parish of St. Joseph and St. George**

Holy Trinity, Jocelyn, St. George's, Echo Bay, The Chapel of the Intercession, Llewellyn Beach, Mr. Pat Brown - Lay Pastor & Administrator, The Rev. Rosalie Goos (Hon.)

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 Del Gates, Marilyn Giannin and Marlene and Peter Giblin and there 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.



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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

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| 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.

Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 am & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Processional # 318

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First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

Second Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

Gradual # 371

Holy Gospel John 3:14-21

Offertory # 486

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Recessional # 399

The flowers today to the glory of God and in grateful thanks for all parishioners at the Ascension.

Parish Directory

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 11th, 2018

Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Numbers (Numbers 21:4-9)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Psalm (107:1-3,17-22)

REFRAIN R Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **R**

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **R**

He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 2:1-10)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 3:14-21)

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendor of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord.