What's happening this week...

Mar. 25, 2018	8:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Mar. 28, 2018	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist and Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Tenebrae
Mar. 29, 2018	2:00 pm	Finlandia Service
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 30, 2018	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
	10:00 am	Celebration of the Passion
Mar. 31, 2018	8:00 pm	Deanery Vigil @ Church of the Epiphany
In our prayers		

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Most Revd Suheil Dawani Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem. 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. Thomas', Bracebridge, St. Peter's, Rocksborough, St. Stephen's, Vankoughnet -The Rev. Kelly Baetz ,The Rev. Barbara Graham (Priest Assoc.) and The Rev. Barbara Nangle (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, Gordie Barnes

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 Roger & Patricia Gorham, Kathryn Greenidge, Marcelle Haaman 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.

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March 25, 2018

Processional # 181

"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 baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of communion.

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) 9:0

:00 am & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	
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The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Samantha Vitone by Albert and Marie Vitone and Sandy her twin.

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Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday Sunday, March 25th, 2018

Collect

Almighty and ever living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit ,one God, now and forever.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (Isaiah 50:4-9a)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm (31:9-16)

REFRAIN: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. **R**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God. **R**

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me." ${\bf R}$

Second Reading

A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians (Philippians 2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 11:1-11)

When the disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy.

Prayer After Communion

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever.