

# 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 Alst 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 with water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of communion.

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#### What's happening this week...

June 17, 2018	8:00 pm	Evening Prayer
June 19, 2018	6:00pm	Board Meeting
June 20, 2018	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	9:30am	Holy Eucharist
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
June 21, 2018	6:00pm	Barrydowne College Graduation
June 22, 2018	9:00am	Morning Prayer

**Flowers** today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Alan Findlay by his brother Don Findlay.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** 9:00 am & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

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In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon. 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 Lake of Bays Parish, St. Ambrose's, Baysville, St. Mary Magdalene, Dorset, St. John's, Fox Point, St. James', Port Cunnington -The Rev. Heather Manuel 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, 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, George, Spruce, Tamara, Peter, Eddy, Lucette, Caleb, Nancy, Elaine, Marshall McCulloch, Gordie Barnes, Bain Peever and Kay.

**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 Dennis and Cathy Lauzon ,Connie Lee , Vicky and Martin Lee 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.

#### Collect

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading**

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel (1 Sam. 15:34 -16:13)

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

# Psalm (Psalm 20)

REFRAIN The Lord gives victory to his anointed. (R)

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the Name of the God of Jacob defend you; Send you help from his holy place and strengthen you out of Zion; **R** 

Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice; Grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans. **R** 

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests. **R** 

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand. Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God. **R** 

They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright. O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.

# **Second Reading**

A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians (2 Cor. 5:6-10, 14-17)

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 4:26-34)

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name.

## **Prayer After Communion**

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.