

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the dessert, to give drink to my chosen people, The People I formed for myself, that they might declare my praise." (Isaiah 43:19, 20b, 21)

Bishop Anne's Motto for 2019

Holy Eucharist:	Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am	
Morning Prayer:	Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am	
Evening Prayer:	Tuesday, Wednesday, 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 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.

#### **Parish Directory**

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

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Jan. 06, 2019	8:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Jan. 07, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Jan. 08, 2019	7:30pm	Board Meeting
Jan. 09, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	9:30am	Holy Eucharist and Bible Study
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Jan. 10, 2019	130pm	ACW Meeting

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dwight Teeple, by his wife Bonnie and children Kimberly, Sean and son -in-law Andre and grandchildren Even and Hayley. **The Epiphany of the Lord** 9am & 11 am Holy Eucharist Processional # 118 Collect of the day BAS 280 First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Second Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12 Gradual # 122 Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 Offertory # 160 Prayer over the Gifts BAS 280 Communion # 135, 137 Prayer after Communion BAS 280 Recessional # 162

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia The Most Revd Philip Richardson ,The Most Revd Don Tamihere ,The Most Revd Fereimi Cama –

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

**In the Diocese of Algoma,** we pray for the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston (Interim), The Rev. Sarah Armstrong (Curate), The Rev. Rhonda Hirst (Hon.), The Rev. Canon Michael Hankinson (Hon. Emeritus)

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week, especially Nancy Turner, Richard, George, Derald Balson, Dan Turner, Inge, Priscilla Allurut, Canon Michael & Muriel Hankinson, Theresa Kuehl (Megan's grandma), Brandon, Heather Kennedy, 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, Kay, Michael, Cathy, David, Laura and Ray.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Howard Mercer.

**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, 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 Jennifer & Terry Ames, Gladys Abigail and Philip Balson

# Collect

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading**

### A reading from Isaiah (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 BAS – 797 Refrain: All nations shall serve him.

#### **Second Reading**

#### A reading from Ephesians (Ephesians 3:1-12)

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

#### Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 2:1-12)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem,

saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts for your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

#### **Prayer After Communion**

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.