



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 desert, 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.

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What's happening this week...

Mar. 24, 2019	7:00pm	Youth Group
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Mar. 25, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Mar. 27, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	9:30am	Holy Eucharist and Bible Study
	2:00pm	VBS Planning Meeting
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Mar. 29, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sam Vitone, daughter, sister and Aunt by the Vitone and Mossman families. She is truly loved and missed.

Weekly Giving`s Target – March 17th 2019 Weekly Target - \$2200.00

Weekly Offering – \$2139.00 - Difference - \$61

3rd Sunday in Lent

9 & 11am Holy Eucharist

Processional # 555

Collect of the day BAS 290

First Lesson Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gradual # 565

Holy Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Offertory # 522

Prayer over the Gifts BAS 291

Communion # 612

Prayer after Communion BAS 291

Recessional # 384

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

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 St. Thomas', Bracebridge and St. Stephen's, Vankoughnet -The Rev. Kelly Baetz , The Rev. Barbara Graham (Priest Assoc.), The Rev. Barbara Nangle (Hon.)

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week, especially Richard, George, Inge, Priscilla Allurut, Canon Michael & Muriel Hankinson, Brandon, Heather Kennedy, Daryl Keen, Donna, and Carol, Viren, Lil Bowman, Julie, Karrie, Joyce, George, Spruce, Tamara, Peter, Eddy, Lucette, Caleb, Nancy, Marshall McCulloch, Gordie Barnes, Bain Peever ,Kay, Michael, Cathy, David, Mags, Dave Fowler, Annette and Barbara Jackson .

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 and Sybil Crawford. 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 Garfield and Lenora Dunlop, Hazel Edwards, Milt Fleming and their families.

Collect

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from Isaiah (Isaiah 55:1-9)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63:1-8 BAS 783 – Refrain: My soul thirsts for you, O God, my God.

Second Reading

A reading from 1st Corinthians (1 Cor. 10:1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 13:1-9)

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you;

but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam – fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
