



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 am & 11:00 am Wednesday 9:30 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...

Dec.22, 2019	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec. 23, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec.24,2019		Christmas Eve
Dec. 25, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec.27, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
Dec.22, 2019	8:00pm	Evening Prayer

Weekly Giving`s Target – unavailable this week

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anita Bate and Pryce Moorhouse loving mother of Gary and father of Sue Bate.

And in loving memory of Peter Cawte and Hubert Lewis, loving fathers of Chris and Molly Cawte.

4th Sunday in Advent

9 & 11 am Holy Eucharist

Processional 117

Collect of the day BAS 272

First Lesson Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7,16-18

Second Lesson Romans 1:1-7

Gradual 123

Holy Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Offertory 89

Prayer over the Gifts BAS 272

Communion 76, 113

Prayer after Communion BAS 272

Recessional 109

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch The Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols, 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. James', Gravenhurst - The Rev. Heather Manuel, The Rev. Canon Tom James (Hon.)

We pray for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples Merciful God, you call us to loving relationship with one another. Be with us now as we seek to heal old wounds and find joy again in this relationship. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. Give us the gifts of honesty and openness, and fill us with your healing power and grace. We ask this in Jesus's name.

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week, especially Canon Michael & Muriel Tamara, Nancy, Marshall, Bain, Kay, Mags, Dave Fowler, Annette, Barbara, Claudette, Gerry, Jim, Mary Rose, Sarah, Jaqueline, Colin, Connie & Catherine.

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, 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 Gary & Sue Bate, Nancy & Robert Belanger, Leslie & Daniel BelzileWright and their families.

Collect

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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 7:10-16)

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 BAS 812 Refrain - Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

A reading from Romans (Romans 1:1-7)

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 1:18-25)

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.