

# 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 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.

#### **Parish Directory**

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What's happening this week...

Dec. 01, 2019	7:00pm	Youth Group
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec. 02, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec. 04, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	9:30am	Holy Eucharist & Bible Study
	4:30pm	Messy Church
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec.06, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer

### Weekly Giving`s Target – November 24, 2019 Weekly Target - \$2250.00 - Weekly Offering – \$1860.75 = Difference – (-) \$389.25 Flowers are given to the glory of God.

First Sunday in Advent	Processional 114
9 &11 am Holy Eucharist	Collect of the day BAS 268
	First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5
	Psalm 122
	Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14
	Gradual 476
	Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44
	Offertory 89
	Prayer over the Gifts BAS 269
	<b>Communion</b> 113,59
	Prayer after Communion BAS 269
	Recessional 98

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray formission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion

**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 Christ Church, Port Sydney

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, Brandon, Heather, Kennedy, Donna, Carol, Viren, Lil Bowman, Julie, Karrie, Joyce, Tamara, Peter, Eddy, Lucette, Caleb, Nancy, Marshall, Bain, Kay, Mags, Dave Fowler, Annette, Barbara, Claudette, Gerry, Jim, Mary Rose, Sarah, Jaqueline, Colin & Connie

**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 Ken & kay Winfield , Rob & Yolanda Winfield Helen Wormington and their families.

# Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading**

# A reading from Isaiah (Isaiah 2:1-5)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Psalm 122 BAS** 882 **Refrain -** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

## **Second Reading**

## A reading from Romans (Romans 13:11-14)

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 24:36-44) But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

## Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer After Communion**

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.