



## 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

<b>Holy Eucharist:</b>	Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Wednesday 9:30 am
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am
<b>Evening Prayer:</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday 8:00 pm
<b>Messy Church:</b>	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.29, 2019	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec. 30, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Jan. 01, 2020	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Jan .03, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	5:30pm	Messy Church Games Night

## Weekly Giving`s Target – unavailable this week

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

9 & 11 am Holy Eucharist

**Processional** 420

**Collect of the day** BAS 276

**First Lesson** Isaiah 63:7-9

**Psalm** 148

**Second Lesson** Hebrews 2:10-18

**Gradual** 39

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 2:13-23

**Offertory** 140

**Prayer over the Gifts** BAS 277

**Communion** 120,136

**Prayer after Communion** BAS 277

**Recessional** 317

### In our prayers...

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima Gambia (West Africa) The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico

**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 all Lay Workers within our parishes who play an integral role in the administration of our churches.

**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 Cindy Birchall-Yaworski, Lloyd Blanchard, Betty Bonas and their families.

## **Collect**

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading**

*A reading from Isaiah (Isaiah 63:7-9)*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**Psalm 148 BAS 907 Refrain - Alleluia.**

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from Hebrews (Hebrews 2:10-18)*

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## **Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 2:13-23)*

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who

were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

**Prayer over the Gifts**

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Prayer After Communion**

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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