

In our prayers...

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops. For members of the Anglican Consultative Council. For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York

**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 the ACW Executive and the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese

**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 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, Garfield, Catherine, George, David, Dan & Marc, Gary Bate

**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, Sybil Crawford & Marlene Moulton. May they always feel God's presence in their lives.



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*"In the same way, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

*(Matthew 5.16) - Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2020*

<b>Holy Eucharist:</b>	Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Wednesday 9:30 am
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am
<b>Evening Prayer:</b>	Monday, Wednesday, 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.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10 am Great Litany and Ante - Communion

**Great Litany** BAS 138

**Collect of the day** BAS 344

**First Reading** Acts 1:6-14

**Psalm** 68:1-10,33-36

**Second Reading** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11

**Gospel** John 17:1-11

**Homily**

**Prayers**

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

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Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading**

*A reading from Acts (Acts 1:6-14)*

So when they had come together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Psalm 68:1-10,33-36 BAS Page 789**

### **Second Reading**

*A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11)*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline

yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

### **Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 17:1-11)*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed body and blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.