

## In our prayers...

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

**In the Anglican Church of Canada**, we pray for our Primate, the Most Rev Linda Nicholls; for our Metropolitan and Diocesan Archbishop, the Most Rev Anne Germond; for our Archdeacon, the Venerable Glen Miller, and for our parish clergy Canon John, Rev Jeff, and Bishop Andrews. We give thanks for the ministry of Fr Aidan and the time we shared with the Armstrong family; we humbly beseech You, God, to afford all blessings on Fr Aidan and his family, to uphold him in his new ministry, and be with the Armstrongs in their move South and preparations to welcome a new child.

**In the Diocese of Algoma**, we pray for the Parish of Emmaus, Sault Ste Marie, and for the ministry of the Rev Raymond Knight (Interim), the Rev Susan Montague-Koyle (Deacon Associate), and the Rev Bruce McLeish (Honorary).

**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 – Muriel, Tamara, Nancy, Marshall, Kay, Dave Fowler, Annette, Barbara, Claudette, Gerry, Jim, Mary Rose, Sarah, Jaqueline, Colin, Catherine, George, David, Dan & Marc, Gary, Lucette, Estelle, Richard, Maggie, Carol, Michelle Caswell, Marjorie Morton, Michael Shepherd, Rob Caines, Spruce, Del, Vince, Helen, Chris, Erica, and Lynne.

**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.

**In our parish** we pray for our Wardens, Board members, and lay leaders; we pray for parents, grandparents, and godparents, for spouses and siblings, for children and dependents, for all families and friends, for those with whom we are hurt, angry, or at cross-purposes, and for those who might be alone, in any circumstance, that they might be comforted and know the love of God.

### **A Prayer for Use During the Vacancy of a Pastoral Charge** (BCP, p. 45)

Almighty God, who knowest the needs of thy Church in every place: Look graciously at this time upon the people of this parish; and give to them a faithful Pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2021

Regular face-to-face services temporarily suspended for COVID-19. Sunday morning service live streamed on Facebook @ascensionsudbury at 10.00 am.

### Welcome to our worship!

It is good to have you here with us today. 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.

### 2d Sunday after Easter

10.00 am Ante-Communion

<b>Collect of the Day</b>	BAS 336
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 4.32-35
<b>Psalm 133</b>	(BAS 890)
<b>Second Lesson</b>	1 John 1.1-2: 2
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	St John 20.19-31
<b>Homily</b>	
<b>Prayers</b>	
<b>Act of Spiritual Communion</b>	

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## **Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **First Reading**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4.32-35)*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Psalm 133** (BAS 890)      **Refrain:** *How good it is for all to live together in unity.*

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from the First Epistle General of John (1 John 1.1 - 2.2)*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**[Ch. 2]** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ

the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## **Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (John 20.19-31)*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **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.