

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Ireland.

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 in their preparations to welcome a new child.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for the Parish of St Stephen: Church of the Redeemer, Rosseau; St Thomas', Ullwater/Bent River; St Thomas', Orville; and for the ministry of the Rev Peter Simmons, the Rev Dr Cal MacFarlane (Honorary), and the Rev George Elliot (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.

### 3d Sunday after Easter

10.00 am Ante-Communion

<b>Collect of the Day</b>	BAS 338
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 3.12-19
<b>Psalm 4</b>	(BAS 707-708)
<b>Second Lesson</b>	1 John 3.1-7
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	St Luke 24.35-48
<b>Homily</b>	
<b>Prayers</b>	
<b>Act of Spiritual Communion</b>	

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

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 3.12-19)*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out [ . . . ]

**Psalm 4** (BAS 707)      **Refrain:** *The Lord does wonders for the faithful.*

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from the First Epistle General of John (1 John 3.1-7)*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## **Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (Luke 24.35-48)*

[Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.] While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

In communion, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your body and blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus and never let me be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.