

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for the Parish of Christ Church, Windemere; and for the ministry of the Rev Robert Clubbe.

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 participate in the sacrament at the time of Communion.

5th Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Ante-Communion

Liturgy, BAS pp. 185-215

(Readings are per *Revised Common Lectionary*, NRSVA translation.)

Collect of the Day BAS, p. 340

First Reading Acts 8. 26-40

Psalms 22 vv 24-30 (BAS, 730)

Second Reading 1 John 4. 7-21

Holy Gospel St John 15. 1-8

Sermon

Prayers

Act of Spiritual Communion

For arranging Pastoral Visits or participation in the Parish Prayer Chain during the Interim transition, please contact Marie at 705-560-1263 or marievitone@persona.ca

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Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives 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 8.26-40)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22 vv. 24-30 (BAS 730) **Refrain:** *All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.*

Second Reading

A reading from the First Epistle General of John (1 John 4.7-21)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved,

since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (John 15.1-8)

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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.