

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

With the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for the City and Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. *“O God... We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples. Grace those who proclaim the Gospel. Guide all who teach a new generation of young people. Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful. We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

**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 the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin and our Archdeacon, the Venerable Glen Miller.

**In the Diocese of Algoma**, we pray for this Parish of the Church of the Ascension, and the ministry of our Interim Incumbent, the Rev Canon Dr John Gibaut, our Honorary Assistant, the Rev Jeffery Hooper, and our Honorary Associate, the Rt Rev Dr Stephen Andrews. We pray also for Northern Lights Parish: St Paul and St John, Haileybury; St James', Cobalt; and for the ministry of the Rev Valerie Paterson and the Rev Kate Scott.

**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, Lynne, and Connie Lee.

**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.



## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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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.

### Ascension Sunday

(Jerusalem Sunday in the ACC)  
10.00 am Ante-Communion

Liturgy, BAS pp. 185-215

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

**Collect of the Day** BAS, p. 342

**First Reading** Acts 1. 1-11

**Psalm 47** (BAS, 764)

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1. 15-23

**Holy Gospel** St Luke 24. 44-53

**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](mailto:marievitone@persona.ca)

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**SPECIAL VESTRY Announcement:** Canon John, as Interim Incumbent, by and with the advice of the Wardens and the General Board, has called for a Special Meeting of the Parish Vestry, to be held on **Wednesday, June 9**, at 7.30 pm, via Zoom, to discuss and establish the Parish's will with respect to informing the Archbishop of how we wish to proceed in the process of seeking a new, full-time Incumbent. Full details in respect of this Special Vestry will be posted in the Weekly News and Announcements beginning Thursday, May 20.

### **Collect for the Ascension of the Lord**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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 1.1-11)*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, '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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

**Psalm 47** (BAS 764)      **Refrain:** *God has gone up with a shout.*

### **Second Reading**

*A reading from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1.15-23)*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (Luke 24.44-53)*

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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

### **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.