

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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; and for our parish and the ministry of our parish clergy: Canon John, Rev Jeff, and Bishop Andrews.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for the ACW: *Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work and witness as Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving us wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that we may serve you in spirit and truth. Called to be your church, may our study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. In our ministry may we always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour.*

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, Connie Lee, Bishop Tom, David Caines, Muriel Hankinson, and Trischa.

We pray for those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes; Milt Fleming, Karin Hoffman, Laurent Constantineau, Bessie Morgan, Sybil Crawford, and 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 Note from the Wardens and General Board: Presently we are down over \$1000 each month from our budget for envelopes. We encourage you to keep up with your weekly offerings for the parish, especially as we head into summer, where typically we see a decline in dedicated givings. You may drop off your envelopes at the Church, or make arrangements with the Wardens to have them picked up. We also encourage you to look at the Diocesan Electronic Offering Programme, or to use Canadahelps, as means to keep up your contributions. You can find full details for both in our Weekly News and Announcements email, or you may contact the Wardens for further assistance.



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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.

3d Sunday after Pentecost

10.00 am Ante-Communion

Liturgy, BAS pp. 185-215

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

Collect of the Day BAS, p. 361

First Lesson 1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13

Psalms 20 BAS, pp. 726-7

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5.6 - 17

Holy Gospel St Mark 4. 26 - 34

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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SPECIAL VESTRY Announcement: On June 9, the Parish Vestry, by a vote of 23 – 7, elected to invite Archbishop Anne to make a direct appointment of a new, full-time Incumbent to the Parish, with an understanding that the Archbishop will present a small field of possible candidates, each of whom would be interviewed by a select committee of representatives from the Parish.

Collect for 3d Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *(1 Samuel 15.34-16.13)*

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 20 *(BAS pp. 726-7)*

Refrain: *The Lord gives victory to his anointed.*

Second Reading *(2 Corinthians 5.6-17)*

A Reading from the Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So

whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel *(Mark 4.26-34)*

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his 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.