In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of South India (United).

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; we pray for the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin, our Archdeacon, the Ven Glen Miller, and the Deanery summer intern, Catherine Hazlitt; and for our parish and the ministry of our parish clergy: Canon John, Rev Jeff, and Bishop Andrews.

In the Diocese of Algoma, for the Retreat Houses in our Diocese: Maison Dieu, Bracebridge; Villa Loyola, Sudbury; Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, Espanola.

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 – Tamara, Nancy, Marshall, Kay, Dave Fowler, Annette, Barbara, Claudette, Gerry, Mary Rose, Sarah, Jaqueline, Colin, Catherine, George, David, Dan & Marc, Gary, Lucette, Estelle, Richard, Maggie, Carol, Michelle Caswell, Marjorie Morton, Michael Sheppard, Rob Caines, Spruce, Del, Vince, Helen, Chris, Erica, Lynne, Connie Lee, Bishop Tom, David Caines, Trischa, Ed, Heather, and Lori.

We pray for those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes; Milt Fleming, Karin Hoffman, Laurent Constantineau, Bessie Morgan, Sybil Crawford, Marlene Moulton, and Betty Bonas. 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: We continue to gain against our budget deficit, but we haven't cleared it yet. We're grateful to all who have helped with our commitments. We encourage you to keep up with your weekly offerings for the parish, especially during the summer months, 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

Sunday morning service live-streamed on Facebook @ascensionsudbury at 10.00 am. In-person worship Sunday mornings at 10.00 with no more than 40 in congregation.

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.

11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Gathering Collect of the Day	BAS, p. 185-7 BAS, pp. 371
10.00 am Holy Eucharist	First Reading	2 Sam 18. 5-9, 15, 31-33
	Psalm 130	BAS, p. 888
Homilist: Catherine Hazlitt	Second Reading	Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2
	Holy Gospel	St John 6. 35, 41-51
Liturgy, BAS pp. 185 - 215	Sermon	
(readings are per Revised Common	Confession of Faith	BAS, pp. 188-9
Lectionary, NRSVA translation)	Prayers, Confession	
	Absolution, Peace	BAS, pp. 190-2
	Prayer over Gifts	BAS, p. 373
	Eucharistic Prayer # 2	BAS, pp. 196-7
	Lord's Prayer	BAS, p. 211
	Prayer after Communio	n BAS, p. 374
	Doxology	BAS, p. 214

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Collect for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the 2d Book of Samuel (2 Sam 18. 5-9, 15, 31-33) The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Psalm 130 (BAS, 888) **Refrain:** The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins

Second Reading

A reading from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians (Eph 4.25 – 5.2) So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (Jn 6.35, 51-51) Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Prayer over Gifts

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.