

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

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 Ven 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 parish of St Michael and All Angels, Thunder Bay, and the ministry of the Rev Enid Pow.

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, Betty Bonas, and Del Gates; 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: Our envelope budget deficit from Jan-June of this year continues to overshadow our ministry of Financial Stewardship.

We're grateful to all who have helped with our commitments and who've helped us maintain a stable footing in uncertain times, and we encourage you to keep up with your weekly offerings for the parish. As you are able, we ask that you help offset our income deficit by checking that your offerings are up to date, or by participating in either of our two ongoing fundraisers. We also encourage you to look at the Diocesan Electronic Offering Programme, or to use Canadahelps, as means to keep up your contributions. Full details for both can be found 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.

17th Sunday after Trinity

Season of Creation

10.00 am Holy Communion

Liturgy, BCP pp. 67 - 86

(readings are per *Revised Common Lectionary*, NRSVA translation)

Gathering	BCP, p. 67; pp. 69-70
Collect of the Day	BCP, p. 244
First Lesson	Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22
Psalm 124	
Second Lesson	James 5. 13-20
Holy Gospel	St Mark 9. 38-50
Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 71
Sermon	
The Offertory	BCP, p. 72; p. 74
The Intercessions	BCP, pp. 75-76
Confession	BCP, pp. 76-78
Sursum Corda, Sanctus	BCP, p. 78; p. 81
Prayer of Consecration	BCP, pp. 82-3
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP, p. 83
Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 85
Prayer, Gloria, Blessing	BCP, pp. 85-6

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Collect for 17th Sunday after Trinity: LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

First Lesson (*Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22*)

The First Lesson is written in the 7th chapter of the Book of Esther, beginning at the 1st verse

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Psalm 124 **Refrain** *We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler*

Second Lesson (*James 5. 13-20*)

The Second lesson is written in the 5th chapter of the General Epistle of James, beginning at the 13th verse

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your

sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel (*Mk 9. 38-50*)

The Holy Gospel is written in the 9th chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Mark, beginning at the 38th verse

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."