

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

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 Synod Office staff: the Most Rev Anne Germond, Archbishop of Algoma; Mrs Liz Hamel, the Archbishop's Executive Assistant; Rev Dr Jay Koyle, the Diocesan Archdeacon; Mrs Jane Mesich, the Diocesan Treasurer; Ms Jennifer Baron, Assistant Treasurer; and Mr Ken Lawson, Property Coordinator.

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, Marjorie Morton, Michael Sheppard, Rob Caines, Spruce, Del, Vince, Helen, Chris, Lynne, Connie Lee, Bishop Tom, David Caines, Trischa, Ed, Heather, Lori, John P, and Ivan.

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.

Items of Note: The Diocese of Algoma's Pandemic Response protocols and policies, including the Archbishop's vaccine policy, can be found on-line at www.dioceseofalgoma.com/about-the-diocese-of-algoma/covid-19-pandemic-response/

Attendance for Saturday, November 27: 16/40

Attendance for Sunday, November 28: 30/40

Envelope Offerings for October: \$8,670.44 / \$11,500.00

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$80,705.40 / \$93,400.00



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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 Saturday evenings at 7.30 pm and Sunday mornings at 10.00 with no more than 40 in either 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

Saturday evening 7.30 pm

Sunday morning 10.00 am

Liturgy, BAS pp. 185 – 215

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

Gathering	BAS, pp. 185-7
Collect of the Day	BAS, p. 269
First Lesson	Malachi 3. 1-4
Canticle 19	BAS, pp. 88-9
Second Lesson	Philippians 1. 3-11
Holy Gospel	St Luke 3. 1-6(a)
Sermon	
Confession of Faith	BAS, pp. 188-9
Prayers, Confession,	
Absolution, Peace	BAS, pp. 190-2
Prayer over Gifts	BAS, pp. 270
Eucharistic Prayer #3	BAS, p. 198-200; p. 219
The Lord's Prayer	BAS, p. 211
Breaking of the Bread	BAS, p. 212, #5
Prayer after Communion	BAS, p. 270
Doxology, Dismissal	BAS, pp. 214-15

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Collect for the 2d Sunday of Advent: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading (*Malachi 3. 1-4*)

A Reading from Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Canticle 19 (*BAS, pp. 88-9*) **Refrain:** The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Second Reading (*Philippians 1. 3-11*)

A Reading from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, -constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, -having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel (*Lk 3. 1-6a*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Prayer over Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.