

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

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 James', Goulais River, and the ministry of the Ven Dr Jay Koyle and the Rev Dr Bill Steadman.

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/](http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/about-the-diocese-of-algoma/covid-19-pandemic-response/)

Attendance for Saturday, December 4: 14/40

Attendance for Sunday, December 5: 31/40

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

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



## 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

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 20 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.

### Third Sunday of Advent

("Gaudete Sunday")

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)

<b>Gathering</b>	BAS, pp. 185-7
<b>Collect of the Day</b>	BAS, p. 270
<b>First Lesson</b>	Zephaniah 3. 14-20
<b>Canticle 3</b>	BAS, p. 76
<b>Second Lesson</b>	Philippians 4. 4-7
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	St Luke 3. 7-18
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	BAS, pp. 188-9
<b>Prayers, Confession, Absolution, Peace</b>	BAS, pp. 190-2
<b>Prayer over Gifts</b>	BAS, pp. 271
<b>Eucharistic Prayer #3</b>	BAS, p. 198-200; p. 219
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BAS, p. 211
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>	BAS, p. 212, #5
<b>Prayer after Communion</b>	BAS, p. 271
<b>Doxology, Dismissal</b>	BAS, pp. 214-15

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**Collect for the 3d Sunday of Advent:** God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading** (*Zephaniah 3. 14-20*)

*A Reading from Zephaniah*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Canticle 3** (*BAS, pp. 76*)     **Refrain:** Ring out your joy, for the Holy One of Israel is in your midst.

**Second Reading** (*Philippians 4. 4-7*)

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel** (*Lk 3. 7-18*)

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they

asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**Prayer over Gifts**

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.