

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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', Gravenhurst, and the ministry of the Rev Heather Manuel, the Rev Canon Tom James, and the Rev Jim Schell.

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 11: 8/40

Attendance for Sunday, December 12: 18/40

Envelope Offerings for November: \$7,197.77 / \$11,500.00

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$87,903.77 / \$104,900.00



## 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 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.

### Fourth 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)

<b>Gathering</b>	BAS, pp. 185-7
<b>Collect of the Day</b>	BAS, p. 272
<b>First Lesson</b>	Micah 5. 2-5a
<b>Canticle 18a</b>	BAS, p. 86
<b>Second Lesson</b>	Hebrews 10. 5-10
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	St Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55)
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	BAS, pp. 188-9
<b>Prayers, Confession,</b>	
<b>Absolution, Peace</b>	BAS, pp. 190-2
<b>Prayer over Gifts</b>	BAS, pp. 272
<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. 272
<b>Doxology, Dismissal</b>	BAS, pp. 214-15

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](mailto:marievitone@persona.ca)

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**Collect for the 4th Sunday of Advent:** Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading** (*Micah 5. 2-5a*)

*A Reading from Micah*

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

**Canticle 18** (*BAS, p. 86*) **"Magnificat"** *The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (*Lk 1. 46-55*)

**Second Reading** (*Hebrews 10. 5-10*)

*A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews*

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Gospel** (*Lk 1. 39-45* [46-55])

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

**Prayer over Gifts**

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.