

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

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 of the Church of the Ascension and for our parish clergy, Rev Jeff and Bishop Andrews.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for the parish of the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, and for the ministry of the Rev Dr Elizabeth Green, the Rev Rhonda Hirst, and the Rev Canon Dr John Gibaut.

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.

We give thanks to Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, for the appointment of the Rev Jeff Hooper to the Incumbency of this parish, and we humbly pray you, Lord, so to fill him with the truth of your doctrine and clothe him with holiness of life, that he may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

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



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"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Cor 5.17)
Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2022

Sunday morning service live-streamed on Facebook @ascensionsudbury at 10.00 am. Over Christmas week to New Year's Day, in-person Sunday mornings at 10.00 am with no more than 40 in the 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.

The Epiphany of the Lord (observed)

Holy Eucharist
Sunday morning 10.00 pm

Liturgy, BAS pp. 185 – 215

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

Gathering	BAS, pp. 185-7
Collect of the Day	BAS, p. 280
First Reading	Isaiah 60. 1-6
Psalm 72 vv. 1-7,10-14	BAS, pp. 797-8
Second Reading	Ephesians 3. 1-12
Holy Gospel	St Matthew 2. 1-12
Sermon	
Confession of Faith	BAS, pp. 188-9
Prayers, Confession, Absolution, Peace	BAS, pp. 190-2
Prayer over Gifts	BAS, p. 280
Eucharistic Prayer #3	BAS, pp.198-200; 220
The Lord's Prayer	BAS, p. 211
Breaking of the Bread	BAS, p. 212-13
Prayer after Communion	BAS, pp. 280
Doxology, Dismissal	BAS, p. 214-15

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Collect of the Epiphany: Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading (*Is 60.1-6*)

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm 72, vv 1-7, 10-14 (*BAS, pp. 797-8*) **Refrain:** *All nations shall serve him.*

Second Reading (*Eph 3.1-12*)

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

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel (*Mt 2. 1-12*)

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.