

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

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 our parish clergy, Rev Jeff and Bishop Andrews.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for the Manitoulin Island Parishes—All Saints', Gore Bay; St John the Evangelist, Kagawong; St Paul's, Manitowaning; St Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya; Holt Trinity, Little Current; and the ministry of the Rev Doug Prebble.

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, Rob Caines, Spruce, Del, Vince, Helen, Chris, Lynne, Connie Lee, David Caines, Trischa, Ed, Lori, John P, Ivan, Audrey and her friends, companions, and neighbours at L'Arche, Sue, and James.

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.

We pray for those who have died, and especially for Craig Paul: rest eternal grant unto Craig, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him; we pray that those who mourn, and especially Craig's family and friends, may know the consolation of God's love at this time, and that all who know sorrow might uphold one another in comfort and prayer.

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 Prayer for Peace in the World: *Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



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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.
In-person worship Sunday mornings at 10.00 am, with a maximum of 40 in the congregation

Welcome to our worship! 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.

2d Sunday in Lent

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. 288
First Reading	Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27	BAS, pp. 735-6
Second Reading	Philippians 3.17 – 4.1
Holy Gospel	St Luke 13. 31-35
Sermon	
Confession of Faith	BAS, pp. 188-9
Prayers, Confession, Absolution, Peace	BAS, pp. 190-2
Prayer over Gifts	BAS, p. 289
Eucharistic Prayer #3	BAS, pp. 198-200; 220
The Lord's Prayer	BAS, p. 211
Breaking of the Bread	#7; BAS, p. 213
Prayer after Communion	BAS, p. 289
Doxology, Dismissal	BAS, pp. 214-15

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Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading (*Gen 15. 1-12, 17-18*)

A Reading from the First Book of Moses, called Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalms 27 (*BAS, pp. 735-6*) **Refrain:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Second Reading (*Philippians 3.17-4.1*)

A reading from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel (*Lk 13.31-35*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Prayer over Gifts: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

Prayer after Communion: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.