

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

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 parishes of St Thomas', Bracebridge and St Stephen's, Vankoughnet, and for ministry of the Rev Barbara Nangle; we pray for the Lake of Bays Parish: St Ambrose's, Baysville; St James', Port Cunnington; and for the ministries of the Rev Margaret Morrison and the Rev Canon John Thompson.

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, James, and Darryl Keene.

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, remembering especially, Craig Paul, Bruce Keene, and the Rev Canon Barbara Graham: rest eternal grant unto Craig, unto Bruce, and unto Barbara, O Lord; let light perpetual shine upon them; we pray that those who mourn, and especially Craig's, Bruce's, and Barbara's families 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.

3d 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	Isaiah 55. 1-9
Psalm 63, vv. 1-8	BAS, pp. 783-4
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Holy Gospel	St Luke 13. 1-9
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 Third Sunday in Lent: Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading (*Is 55.1-9*)

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 63, vv. 1—8 (*BAS, pp. 783-4*) **Refrain:** *My soul thirsts for you, O God, my God.*

Second Reading (*1 Cor 10.1-13*)

A reading from the First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has

overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel (*Lk 13.1-9*)

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Prayer over Gifts: Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Prayer after Communion: God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.