

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Okinawa, the Anglican Episcopal Church in Japan.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for our Primate, the Most Rev Linda Nicholls; for our Provincial 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 parish of the Holy Manger, Barkway; and for the ministry of the Rev Heather Manuel.

We pray for reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of this land: Merciful God, be with us as we seek to heal old wounds and find joy again in our relationships. Replace all hearts of stone with hearts of flesh; give us gifts of honesty and openness, and fill us with your healing power and grace.

We pray for the following people for God's healing and strength during the coming week, especially – Tamara, 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, Del, Vince, Chris, Connie Lee, David Caines, Trischa, Ed, Lori, John P, Ivan, Audrey and her friends, companions, and neighbours at L'Arche, James, Darryl Keen, Heather, John, Sonia, Nancy, Victoria P, Mark, Craig, Dana, and Nancy Turner.

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, Del Gates, and Daryl Keen; may they always feel God's presence in their lives.

We pray for those who have died, and especially for Nora Derbyshire; Rest eternal grant unto Nora, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her; grant her thy peace, and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in her the good purpose of thy perfect will. We pray for all Nora's family, friends, neighbours, and companions, and especially for the Germond family; we pray also for all who mourn or are bereaved, that they might be upheld in prayer and know the consolation of God's love.

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; and especially we pray for those with whom we are hurt, angry, or at cross-purposes; that by Christ's example, and through His grace, all hearts may be turned to your purpose, O Lord.



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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

Welcome to our worship! *Please know 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 receive the sacrament at the time of Communion.*

The Eve of Christmas

Opening Hymn 118; O Come All Ye...

Lighting the Christmas Candle

Gathering BAS, p. 185

Gloria Hymn #365

Collect of the Day BAS, p. 273

First Reading Isaiah 62. 6-12

Psalm 96 BAS, p. 834

Second Reading Titus 3. 4-7

Gradual 138; Hark the Herald...

Holy Gospel St Luke 2. 1-20

Sermon

Confession of Faith BAS, pp. 188-9

Prayers, Confession

Absolution, Peace BAS, pp. 190-2

Offertory Hymn 140; It Came Upon...

Prayer over Gifts BAS, p. 273

Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS, pp. 198-200; 219

The Lord's Prayer BAS, p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #6; BAS, p. 213

Communion Hymns #146 ; #122

Prayer after Communion BAS, p. 274

Doxology BAS, p. 213

Silent Night Hymn #119

Closing Hymn 154; Joy to the World

Holy Eucharist

Saturday evening 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm

7.00 pm live-steamed on Facebook

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Liturgy, BAS, pp. 185—215

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

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Collect for the Eve of Christmas: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading (*Isaiah 62. 6-12*)

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Psalm 96 (*BAS, p. 834*) **Refrain: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Second Reading (*Titus 3. 4-7*)

A Reading from the Epistle of Paul to Titus

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Holy Gospel (*St Luke 2. 1-20*)

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he

was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Prayer over the Gifts: Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever.

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.

The flowers in the Church this Christmas are given to God's glory, in loving memory of—

Don McLeod, from wife Betty and family; Dwight Teeple, from wife Bonnie and family; Dennis Dionne and parents Ruth and Pete Manning, from Cathy Dionne and family; husband Ron Bonas, granddaughter Christina Polifronie, the Griffiths and Bonas families, from Betty Bonas; Roz Jones, from daughter Pippa Howard and family; Anita Bate, dear mother of Gary and Sonia, Pryce and Stephen Moorhouse, dear parents and brother of Sue; George Trimmer from wife Anne and family; all our loved ones, from Ann and Ilmar Jaas; and with best wishes, from Betty and Pat Cunningham