

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

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 Incumbent, the Rev Jeff Hooper.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for the Church of the Gathering Table, Thunder Bay, and for the Rev Ann Camber and the Rev Gail Clifton. We pray also for the recently baptised and for those preparing for baptism.

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, 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 Bessie Morgan and for Cecile Meadows; Rest eternal grant until Bessie and Cecile, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them; grant them both thy peace, and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will. We pray for all of Bessie's and Cecile's family, friends, and neighbours, and 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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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.” (Lk 4.18-19) Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023

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 Baptism of the Lord

Holy Eucharist

Sunday morning 10.00 am
live-streamed on Facebook
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Liturgy, BAS, pp. 185—215

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

Opening Hymn

Gathering BAS, p. 185

Gloria

Collect of the Day BAS, p. 348

First Reading Isaiah 42. 1-9

Psalm 29 BAS, p. 738

Second Reading Acts 10. 34-43

Gradual

Holy Gospel St Matthew 3. 13-17

Sermon

Confession of Faith BAS, pp. 188-9

Prayers, Confession

Absolution, Peace BAS, pp. 190-2

Offertory Hymn

Prayer over Gifts BAS, p. 348

Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS, pp. 198-200; p. 218

The Lord's Prayer BAS, p. 211

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

Prayer after Communion BAS, p. 349

Doxology, Dismissal BAS, pp. 214-15

Closing Hymn

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Collect for the Baptism of the Lord: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading (*Isaiah 42. 1-9*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29 (*BAS, pp. 738*) **Refrain:** *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Second Reading (*Acts 10. 34-43*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us

to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Holy Gospel (*St Matthew 3. 13-17*)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Matthew

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Prayer over the Gifts: God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion: Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.