

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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, during the Week of Christian Unity, we pray for ecumenism throughout Algoma, and for the Northeast Ministerial Association.

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, 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 next week's meeting of the Annual Vestry, and for all who have been called or nominated to serve our parish; 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.

The meeting for the Annual Vestry will be held on Sunday, January 22, immediately following the 10.00 am Eucharist service. For further details, please see the Weekly News and Announcements, or speak to Rev Jeff or one of the Wardens.



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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.

2d Sunday after the Epiphany

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 5; *Christ Whose Glory...*

Gathering BAS, p. 185

Gloria Hymn #366

Collect of the Day BAS, p. 349

First Reading Isaiah 49. 1-7

Psalm 40 vv 1-12 BAS, p. 755-6

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Gradual 508; *I Hear the Voice...*

Holy Gospel St John 1. 29-42

Sermon

Anthem *Behold the Lamb of God*

Confession of Faith BAS, pp. 188-9

Prayers, Confession

Absolution, Peace BAS, pp. 190-2

Offertory Hymn 385; *Worship the Lord...*

Prayer over Gifts BAS, p. 350

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

The Lord's Prayer BAS, p. 211

Breaking of the Bread BAS, p. 212-13

Prayer after Communion BAS, p. 350

Doxology, Dismissal BAS, pp. 214-15

Closing Hymn 352; *Amazing Grace*

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Collect for the 2d Sunday after Epiphany: Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading (*Isaiah 49. 1-7*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalm 40 vv 1-12 (*BAS, pp. 755-6*) **Refrain: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.**

Second Reading (*1 Cor 1. 1-9*)

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

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our

Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel (*St John 1. 29-42*)

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

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Prayer over the Gifts: Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayer after Communion: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.