

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Pakistan (United).

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 parish of West Thunder Bay: St James', Murillo; St Mark's, Rosslyn; and for the ministry of the Rev Jonathan Blanchard, the Rev Canon Paul Carr, and the Rev Nancy Ringham.

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 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.

### 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Holy Communion

Sunday morning 10.00 am  
*live-streamed on Facebook*  
*@ascensionsudbury*

*Celebrant: The Ven Glen Miller*  
*Sermon: Mr Paul Baskcomb*

Liturgy, BCP, pp. 67—86

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

**Opening Hymn** 430; *Will You Come and...*  
**Gathering** BCP, p. 67, pp. 69-70  
**Collect of the Day** BCP, p. 128  
**First Lesson** Micah 6. 1-8  
**Psalm 15** *bulletin*  
**Second Lesson** 1 Corinthians 1.18-31  
**Gradual** 439; *Blest are the Pure...*  
**Holy Gospel** St Matthew 5. 1-12  
**Nicene Creed** BCP, p. 71  
**Sermon**  
**The Offertory** BCP, p. 71; p. 73  
**Offertory Hymn** 537; *In the Cross of Christ...*  
**The Intercessions** BCP, pp. 75-76  
**The Confession** BCP, pp. 76-78  
**Sursum Corda, Sanctus** BCP, pp. 78-79; p. 81  
**Prayer of Consecration** BCP, pp. 82-83  
**Prayer of Humble Access** BCP, p. 83  
**Communion Hymns** #48 ; #81  
**Prayers after Communion** BCP, pp. 85-86  
**Gloria in Excelsis** *Hymn #365*  
**Blessing** BCP, p. 86  
**Closing Hymn** 317; *Praise the Lord, Sing...*

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**Collect for the 4th Sunday after the Epiphany:** O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**First Lesson** (*Micah 6. 1-8*)

*The Lesson is written in the 6th chapter of Micah, beginning at the 1st verse*

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Psalm 15 Refrain: *The just shall dwell on your holy mountain.***

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart. **R**

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown. **R**

**Second Lesson** (*1 Cor 1. 18-31*)

*The Epistle is written in the 1st chapter of the First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians, beginning at the 18th verse*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**Holy Gospel** (*St Matthew 5. 1-12*)

*The Holy Gospel is written in the 5th chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."