

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

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 Northern Lights Parish: St Paul & St John, Haileybury; St James', Cobalt; and for the ministry of the Rev Valerie Paterson and the Rev Kate Scott.

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

We pray for those who have died, and especially for Del Gates: Father of all, we thank you for Del whom we love, but see no longer. Thank you for his gifts of friendship and faith, which he shared freely with us all. Grant him your peace; let light perpetual shine upon him; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in him the good purpose of your perfect will. **We pray for** those who mourn or who are bereaved: Father of mercies and giver of comfort, deal graciously with all who have known loss and are bereaved, and at this time especially with Del's family and friends as they mourn; that casting all their cares on you, they may know the consolation of your 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.*

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany:
Transfiguration Sunday**

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	381; Praise My Soul
Gathering	BAS, p. 185
Gloria	Hymn #366
Collect of the Day	BAS, p. 355
First Reading	Exodus 24. 12-18
Psalm 2	BAS, pp. 705-6
Second Reading	2 Peter 1. 16-21
Gradual Hymn	162; Sing of God...
Holy Gospel	St Matthew 17. 1-9
Sermon	
Confession of Faith	BAS, pp. 188-9
Prayers, Confession, Absolution, Peace	BAS, pp. 190-2
Offertory Hymn	84; Lord Enthroned In...
Prayer over Gifts	BAS, p. 418
Eucharistic Prayer #3	BAS, pp. 198-200; p. 220
The Lord's Prayer	BAS, p. 211
Breaking of the Bread	BAS, pp. 212-13
Communion Hymns	#80 ; #61
Prayer after Communion	BAS, p. 419
Doxology, Dismissal	BAS, pp. 214-15
Closing Hymn	322; All Hail the Power

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Collect for the Transfiguration: Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..

First Reading (Exodus 24. 12-18)

A Reading from the Second Book of Moses, called Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2 (BAS, pp. 705-6) **Refrain: God has exalted His anointed.**

Second Reading (2 Peter 1. 16-21)

A Reading from the Second Epistle General of Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Holy Gospel (St Matthew 17. 1-9)

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured

before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Prayer over the Gifts: Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer After Communion: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.