

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

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 St Joseph & St George: Holy Trinity, Jocelyn; St George's, Echo Bay; Chapel of the Intercession, Llewellyn Beach; and for the ministry of the Rev Susan Montague Koyle, the Rev Canon Rosalie Goos, and the Rev Elizabeth Kingston.

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, Nancy Turner, Rick, and Carol. 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.

Second Sunday in Lent

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; <i>Christ Whose Glory...</i>
Gathering	BAS, pp. 185-6
Collect of the Day	BAS, p. 288
First Reading	Genesis 12. 1-4a
Psalm 121	BAS, p. 882
Second Reading	Romans 4.1-5, 13-17
Gradual Hymn	569; <i>Come My Way My...</i>
Holy Gospel	St John 3. 1-17
Sermon	
Confession of Faith	BAS, p. 188-9
Prayers, Confession	
Absolution, Peace	BAS, pp. 190-2
Offertory Hymn	180; <i>Giver of the Perfect...</i>
Prayer over Gifts	BAS, p. 289
Eucharistic Prayer #3	BAS, pp. 198-200; 220
The Lord's Prayer	BAS, p. 211
Breaking of the Bread	#7; BAS, p. 213
Communion Hymns	#59; #70
Prayer after Communion	BAS, p. 289
Doxology, Dismissal	BAS, p. 214-15
Closing Hymn	503; <i>Fight the Good Fight</i>

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Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading (*Genesis 12. 1-4a*)

A Reading from the First Book of Moses, called Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121 Refrain: *The Lord himself watches over you.*

Second Reading (*Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17*)

A Reading from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Holy Gospel (*St John 4. 1-17*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St John

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no

one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, what whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Prayer over Gifts: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

Prayer after Communion: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.