

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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 on this day, the celebration of our patronal fest, we pray 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 retired clergy in our Deanery, many of whom continue to assist in parishes, and we give thanks to God for their dedicated service to Christ and the Church.

**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, Carol, Debbie, Yvonne, and Anne. **We pray for** those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes: Laurent Constantineau, Sybil Crawford, Marlene Moulton, Betty Bonas, and Daryl Keen; may they always feel God's presence in their lives.

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.

**Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday** (the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz): *O God, we give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth. We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples. Grace those who proclaim the Gospel. Guide all who teach a new generation of young people. Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful. We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*



## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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**May 21, 2023**

*"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.*

### Ascension Sunday

*Jerusalem & the Holy Land Sunday*

### Holy Eucharist

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

Liturgy, BAS, pp. 185—215

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

**Opening Hymn** 379; *Rejoice the Lord...*

**Gathering** BAS p. 185

**Gloria** *Hymn #366*

**Collect of the Day** BAS, p. 343

**First Reading** Acts 1. 1-11

**Psalm 47** BAS, pp. 764-5

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1. 15-23

**Gradual Hymn** 317; *Praise the Lord...*

**Holy Gospel** St Luke 24. 44-43

### Sermon

**Confession of Faith** BAS, pp. 188-9

### Prayers, Confession

**Absolution, Peace** BAS, pp. 190-2

**Offertory Hymn** 380; *O Worship the King*

**Prayer over Gifts** BAS, p. 343

**Eucharistic Prayer #3** BAS, pp. 198-200; 222

**The Lord's Prayer** BAS, p. 211

**Breaking of the Bread** #8; BAS, p. 213

**Communion Hymns** #482 ; #82

**Prayer after Communion** BAS, p. 343

**Doxology, Dismissal** BAS, p. 214-15

**Closing Hymn** 405; *Alleluia No. 1*

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**Collect for Ascension Sunday:** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading** (*Acts 1. 1-11*)

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**Psalm 47** (*BAS, pp. 764-5*)

**Refrain:** *God has gone up with a shout.*

**Second Reading** (*Ephesians 1. 15-23*)

*A Reading from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his

great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Holy Gospel** (*St Luke 24. 44-23*)

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke*

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer After Communion:** Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.