

Becoming the Story We Tell

Prayers of the People The Great Fifty Days of Easter, 2018

It is recommended that the response to the biddings in the Prayers of the People be sung.

It is recommended that, whether sung or said, only the response for the Prayers of the People be printed in the worship leaflet or provided in PowerPoint slides.

For the 1st to 5th Sundays of Easter, the response can be sung to the setting composed for the 'Lift Your Hearts' initiative, provided on this website.

A simple, accessible setting of the response for Easter 6 until Pentecost provided in previous years remains available on this website.

Prayers for the 4th Sunday of Easter will be made available at a later date. These will include material provided in response to a focus on affordable housing that the House of Bishops has asked to take place on that day. Once this material is published, prayers will be posted.

Most of the concluding collects below are found in Trial Use Collects for Years A, B, and C, approved for use in The Anglican Church of Canada. The resource is available at <https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/GS2016-Trial-Use-Collects-2016-05-09.pdf> Permission to use these prayers in Algoma as the Collect of the Day has been given by Bishop Anne. If you are using them in this way, please inform Jay Koyle, Congregational Development Officer, so that your feedback can be sought at a later date.

Intercessors should prepare for The Prayers of the People well before the Liturgy to ensure any particular names or places to be included are identified.

Even if there is no one is baptized or engaging in an intentional renewal of baptism (including Confirmation, or Reception into the Anglican Communion) in your congregation during the Paschal Triduum or the Season of Easter, you are encouraged to pray for the newly baptized and those renewing their baptismal promises. For these occasions will be celebrated throughout the Diocese and around the globe during this holy time.

First Sunday of Easter, April 1, 2018 – Prayers of the People

Our God loves the world with an everlasting love, faithful continuously in all times and places. That all peoples may witness the power of God and with us declare, “God’s steadfast love endures forever,” let us lift our hearts in prayer as we sing/say:

“Turn our grateful hearts into lives that bring you praise.”

God, our strength and our might, you have raised us with Christ. We pray for your church, particularly in this Diocese of Algoma. With our sisters and brothers across the diocese, we pray for diocesan ministers serving our congregations: Anne, our Bishop; Harry, Executive Archdeacon; Jay, Congregational Development Officer; Jane, Diocesan Treasurer; Marjorie, Assistant Treasurer; and Liz, Administrative Assistant.

We pray, too, for the people of St. Brice’s Church, North Bay, and the clergy serving them, Peter Armstrong, Incumbent, and Honorary Assistants Marie Loewen and John Stennett.

{allow a short period for silent prayer}

Call us by name.

Place the testimony of Mary Magdalene, Peter, and Paul in our mouths.

May we declare with joy and boldness,

“The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

To you we lift our hearts, O God: **/R/**

God in whose salvation we rejoice, we pray for the recently baptized, *especially N.*, and for all who celebrated baptismal renewal during this Christian Passover, *especially N.*,

{allow a time of silent prayer}

Enliven with your Spirit those whom you have anointed.

Establish as your witnesses

those who eat and drink with the risen Lord.

Reveal your people in the glory of Christ, our life.

To you we lift our hearts, O God: **/R/**

God, whose Messiah is Sovereign of all,
we pray for the nations and peoples of the earth, *especially N.*
{allow a time of silent prayer}
Breathe resurrection life into those suffocated by death's power.
Stir the conscience and heart of all who govern.
Say to the troubled of our world, "Be not afraid!"
To you we lift our hearts, O God: **/R/**

God who wipes away the tears from all faces,
we pray for those longing for deliverance
from fear or anxiety, weeping or despair,
sickness or any other affliction, *especially N.*
{allow time for silent prayer}
Become the salvation of those who call out to you.
Reveal grace in wilderness places.
May glad songs sound in the tents of the righteous.
To you we lift our hearts, O God: **/R/**

Judge of the living and the dead,
we remember those whom we love but see no longer, *especially N.*
{allow a time of silent prayer}
Open the gates of righteousness.
Awaken those who sleep.
May the beloved rejoice,
"I shall not die, but live, and recount the deeds of the Lord."
To you we lift our hearts, O God: **/R/**

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

Through the resurrection of your Son, O God,
you destroy the power of death
and remove your people's shame.
By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin
and seat us at the paschal feast,
that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation,
won for us through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Second Sunday of Easter, April 8, 2018 – Prayers of the People

That we who believe may be of one heart and soul,
walking in the light as Christ himself is in the light,
let us lift our hearts to God in prayer as we sing/say:
“Turn our grateful hearts into lives that bring you praise.”

We pray for the church,
the people sent by Christ as he was sent by the Father.
With Anglicans around the world,
we pray for Archbishop James Richard Wong Yin Song
and the Province of the Indian Ocean.
We pray, too, for St. Paul’s Church, Wawa,
and All Saints’ Church, White River.

{allow a time of silent prayer}

That amid the doubts and fears troubling the community of faith,
Christ’s peace may stir us to bold and joyful witness,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

We pray for the recently baptized,
those created anew by the breath of the risen Christ,
especially N.,
and for all who celebrated baptismal renewal
during the Christian Passover, *especially N.*,

{allow a time of silent prayer}

That by the testimony of their words and deeds,
people who have not yet seen may come to believe,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

We pray for nations, tongues, and tribes
plagued by warfare, terrorism, or other forms of violence, *especially N.*

{allow a time of silent prayer}

And that there may not be a needy person among us,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

We pray that the wounded hands of the healing Christ
will touch the sick and those who suffer any need, *especially N.*

{allow a time of silent prayer}

That they may be delivered from their infirmities
and give thanks to the One who breathes his peace upon them,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

We remember the dead, especially N.

{allow a time of silent prayer}

And that even in the face of suffering and death,
we may know the joy of God's eternal presence,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

O God, our beginning and our end:
accept our doubts,
heal our desire for certainty
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace.

Concluding collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Prayers of the People – Third Sunday of Easter, April 15, 2018

The Lord has set apart the faithful for himself,
and hears when we call to him.

Therefore, with our hope set on God, let us pray to the Lord as we sing/say:
“Turn our grateful hearts into lives that bring you praise.”

For all called children of God through baptism,
especially the people of The Church of Ireland
and their Primate, Archbishop Richard Lionel Clarke;
and for North Muskoka Pioneer Parish: St. Mary’s, Aspden,
St. Paul’s, Grassmere, and Christ Church, Ilfracombe.
That repentance and forgiveness of sins
may be proclaimed to all nations,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For the recently baptized, *especially N.*,
and for all who celebrated baptismal renewal
during the Christian Passover, *especially N.*,
that their minds will always be opened to understand the Scriptures,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For this world: for all nations, tribes, and peoples, *especially N.*,
that the epidemic of violence and injustice will come to a swift end,
and a spirit of genuine service and concord be given to all,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For those who suffer sickness or need, *especially N.*,
that they will know gladness in their hearts
more than when grain and wine abound,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For ourselves, individually and as a congregation,
that, repenting of our sins,
God will help us to take hold of his promises,
the promise given to us, to our children,
and to all who are far from God and do not know of Christ's love,
let us pray to the Lord: /R/

We remember those who have died, *especially N.*,
and that we may walk with our God for eternity in the land of the living,
let us pray to the Lord: /R/

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

Wounded God,
disabled and divine:
give us faith to perceive you
pierced and embodied,
standing here among us
feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken;
through Christ, the suffering servant.

Concluding collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2018 – Prayers of the People

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us,
and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
Beloved, since God loved us so much,
let us respond by praying for the church and the world,
offering ourselves in service as we sing/say:

“Turn our grateful hearts into lives that bring you praise.”

God in whom we live, your Son is the vine and we are the branches.
We pray for the church around the globe, with which we are joined as one.
This day, with our sisters and brothers across Algoma,
we remember the Parish of West Thunder Bay,
served by The Rev. Charlene Scriver and The Rev. Canon Paul Carr.
With the worldwide Anglican Communion,
we pray for Archbishop Suheil Dawani
and The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.
May all joined to Christ in baptism may abide in him and bear much fruit,
We offer ourselves to you, O God: **/R/**

God of the outcast and those who dwell on the margins,
we yearn for divisions to cease and peace to reign.
May all the families of the nations worship before you.
Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you.
We offer ourselves to you, O God: **/R/**

God of promise,
we stand with all the disinherited indigenous people
of this and other countries.
We pray for their health and education,
for the fostering of their cultures,
for their leaders,
and for all who work with them for justice and reconciliation.
Open our eyes to recognize all of our sisters and brothers.
We offer ourselves to you, O God: **/R/**

Ever-present and sustaining God,
reveal your glory to those who are ill or who suffer in any way, *especially N*.
May the poor eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you praise your name.
We offer ourselves to you, O God: **/R/**

God who remains faithful beyond the grave,
who raises the dead to new life,
we give thanks for those who gave their lives for Christ,
especially Blessed Philip and Blessed James,
and we remember before you all who have died, *especially N*.
Into your hands we commend their spirits.
Into your hands we commend our own.
Make your face to shine upon your servants.
We offer ourselves to you, O God: **/R/**

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

O God, you give us the Son as the vine,
apart from whom we cannot live.
Nourish our life in his resurrection,
so that we bear the fruit of love
and know the fullness of your joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Concluding collect from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018 – Prayers of the People

That we may go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,
let us pray in Christ's name to the One he called Father, singing/saying,
May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.

For the church throughout the world,
remembering in particular The Anglican Church of Kenya
and its Primate, Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit.
That our love for God may be revealed
through the keeping of God's commandments,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For our Bishop, Anne,
Bishop Phil Poole,
and all the clergy, lay incumbents, and facilitators
travelling to the Diocesan Clergy Conference in Sault Ste. Marie this week.
That they will be refreshed and uplifted
as they spend time together with colleagues learning and worshipping,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For those who encourage and foster
the work of reconciliation in and through the church,
particularly Melanie Delva,
Reconciliation Animator of the Anglican Church of Canada.
That we may embrace our common obligation to ensure
genuine reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-indigenous
becomes a reality in this country,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For all who serve in leadership in this congregation,
especially our Wardens, *N.*,
that they may inspire our love of Christ
and support us in the keeping of his commandments,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For the children of this parish
and all who work with them most directly, *especially N.*,
and that the rest of us will find their youthful enthusiasm contagious,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For the countries, regions, and peoples of the earth, *especially N.*,
that God's vindication will be revealed in the sight of the nations,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For the sick and all who suffer, *especially N.*,
that they may prove conquerors
through the presence and power of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For those we love but see no longer, *especially N.*,
and that in our living and dying
we may abide in the love of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

God of abiding love,
you dare to call us friends.
Take our fragmented hearts,
command them to love,
and make whole our joy,
which is our life, reborn in Jesus Christ,
who laid down his life for us.

Concluding collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, May 10, 2018

The ascended Christ will return to us in the same way that he left: with his hands extended in blessing. Therefore, we worship in great joy and pray with deep confidence, lifting our hearts to God as we sing/say:
"May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth."

For our sisters and brothers
martyred or persecuted for their faithfulness to Christ, *especially N.*
{pause for silent prayer}

That as Christ knows their humanity through the Incarnation
and their suffering through his cross,
they may know the victory of his Resurrection and Ascension,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

For the church throughout the Diocese of Algoma,
especially the Church of the Ascension, Sudbury,
and its clergy, The Rev. Aidan Armstrong,
The Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacher, and The Rev. Jeffery Hooper.
{pause for silent prayer}

That until Christ's return in glory,
the church may fulfill his commission
to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

For those baptized at the Christian Passover,
or during this great fifty-day season of Easter, *especially N.*
{pause for silent prayer}

That with the eyes of their hearts enlightened,
they may know what is the hope to which God has called them,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

For the earth and its peoples, *especially N.*

{pause for silent prayer}

That the leaders of nations may glimpse and embrace the new creation
in which peace, justice, and reconciliation reign,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

For those who suffer from sickness or other forms of need, *especially N.*

{pause for silent prayer}

That set free from their afflictions
they may shout to God with loud songs of joy,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

Let us remember the dead, *especially N.;*

{pause for silent prayer}

and that the dying may find hope
in the triumph of Jesus over death,
let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following collect:

God unheld by word or wall:

lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power;
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world,
through Jesus Christ, the name above all names.

Concluding collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 28, 2017 – Prayers of the People

With the testimony of God burning in our hearts,
let us offer ourselves in Christ as we sing/say:
"May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth."

God in whom we live, we pray for the unity of Christ's church.
We pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome.
We pray for Bishop Victoria Matthews
and the Diocese of Christchurch in New Zealand.
We pray, too, for the Parish of Muskoka Lakes in this Diocese:
St. Mark's, Milford Bay; St. John's, Beaumaris;
Christ Church, Gregory; St. James', Port Carling;
and St. George's, Port Sandfield, and their Interim Incumbent,
The Rev. Dr. Gail Marie Henderson.

{pause for silent prayer}

That our delight may be in the law of the Lord,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

God who sanctifies us in truth, we pray for those
charged with guarding and fostering the unity of the church,
particularly Anne, our Bishop,
Colin, Metropolitan of Ontario,
Fred, Primate of Canada,
and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury,
That they may be for us icons of hope,
signs of grace,
and examples of gospel service,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

God who knows the heart of everyone,
we pray for the gift of discernment
in recognizing those you call to ordained ministry.
{pause for silent prayer}
That faithful and effective leaders may be raised up
as compelling witnesses to the Resurrection,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

God who watches over the way of the righteous,
we pray for our world, *especially N.*

{pause for silent prayer}

That the paths of wickedness may perish,
and all peoples walk in the way
of him you lifted up as Lord of all,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

Wellspring of freedom,
we pray for those longing for deliverance
from fear or anxiety, oppression or want,
illness or any other affliction, *especially N.*

{pause for silent prayer}

That they may prosper like trees planted by streams of water,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

Giver of eternal life,
we remember before you those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and the departed whose faith is known to you alone.

In particular this day, we remember N.

{pause for silent prayer}

And that we, with them, may see the glory of the ascended Lord,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following collect:

Giver of eternal life, send us to your world
to speak the truth of peace,
to stand with those who suffer,
and to show another way;
through Jesus Christ, the life of all things.

Concluding collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Day of Pentecost, May 20, 2018 – Prayers of the People

Waiting in patient hope, and prompted by the very Spirit
who intercedes with sighs too deep for words,
let us pray to our God as we sing/say,
"May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth."

O God, your Spirit guides us into all truth.
We pray for the church throughout the world,
remembering this day, with Anglicans around the globe,
Bishop Robert O'Neill and the Diocese of Colorado
in The Episcopal Church.

{pause for silent prayer}

Raise up passionate witnesses to your love.
Unleash rivers of living water to flow
from the hearts of all believers.
We pray to you, O God: **/R/**

O God, you declare things that are yet to come.
We pray for the church in Algoma, and for our Bishop, Anne.
With our sisters and brothers across the Diocese,
we pray, too, for The Rev. Gordon Holroyd
and the congregations of St. George's, Thunder Bay,
and St. Michael and All Angels, Thunder Bay.

{pause for silent prayer}

Bathe your people in the Spirit.
Cause our daughters and sons to prophesy,
our youth to see visions, and our elders to dream dreams.
We pray to you, O God: **/R/**

O God, when you send forth your Spirit, a new creation comes into being.
We pray for those baptized at the Christian Passover,
or during this great fifty-day season of Easter, *especially N.*

{pause for silent prayer}

Nourish and uphold your anointed ones.
May all baptized into one body and made to drink of one Spirit

exercise their gifts for the common good.
We pray to you, O God: /R/

O God, how manifold are your works!
We pray for the world you breathe into being.
{pause for silent prayer}
Hear the groaning of what you have made.
Prompt your church to safeguard the integrity of creation,
respecting, sustaining, and renewing the life of the Earth.
We pray to you, O God: /R/

O God, you pour out your Spirit upon all flesh.
We pray for every nation under heaven, *especially N.*
{pause for silent prayer}
Address prophetic voice to the dry bones of this age.
May all peoples hear in their own tongue
the good news of your saving deeds.
We pray to you, O God: /R/

O God, you stretch out your compassionate hand to all who suffer.
We pray for those who know poverty, sickness, or any kind of need,
especially N. *{pause for silent prayer}*
Bless all who long for liberation
Strengthen weary voices to sing to you as long as they live,
to praise you while they have their being.
We pray to you, O God: /R/

O God, you call forth life from death.
We remember those we love but see no longer, *especially N.*
{pause for silent prayer}
Open the graves of death and despair.
Breathe new life and Resurrection hope
into the hearts of all who mourn.
We pray to you, O God: /R/

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following collect:

Spirit of truth:
guide us into all truth;
consume the lies that shroud the world in hate;
pray in us with sighs too deep for words
with hope for a new world;
through Jesus Christ,
who goes to the right hand of God.

Concluding collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

If there are weddings or renewal of wedding vows in your congregation during the season of Easter, the following petitions may be adapted for the appropriate Sunday in the style of the other petitions used in the Prayers of the People that day:

For all who will exchange vows of commitment and love,
especially N, and N., to be married next weekend in this place,
that they may reflect the faithfulness of God,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For all who have made vows of commitment and love,
especially N. and N., married yesterday in this place,
that they may reflect the faithfulness of God,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For all who will renew vows of commitment and love,
especially N, and N.,
that they may reflect the faithfulness of God,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For all who have renewed vows of commitment and love,
especially N. and N.,
that they may reflect the faithfulness of God,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**