

# **Becoming the Story We Tell**

## ***Prayers of the People The Great Fifty Days of Easter, Year C (2019)***

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1, and Easter 6 until Pentecost provided in previous years remains available on this website.*

*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 21, 2019 – Prayers of the People***

Our God loves the world with an everlasting love,  
faithful and near in all times and places.

As we make our declaration,

“God’s steadfast love endures forever,”

let us lift our hearts in prayer as we sing/say:

**“May your Holy Spirit Guide Us Into Truth.”**

God, our strength and our might,  
you have raised us with Christ.

We pray for your church, particularly in Algoma.

With our sisters and brothers across the Diocese,  
we pray for the people of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Sturgeon Falls,  
and their Interim Incumbent, Marie Loewen.

*{allow a short period for silent prayer}*

Call us by name.

Place the testimony of Mary Magdalene 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}*  
Make all who die in Adam alive in Christ.  
Defeat that final enemy, Death.  
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 28, 2019**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,  
ruler over every authority and power.

As the priestly people he has called into being,  
let us lift our hearts to God 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 Christ was sent by the Father.

With Anglicans around the globe,  
we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, The Anglican Communion in Japan,  
and Makoto Uematsu, its Primate.

With our sisters and brothers across this Diocese,  
we pray for St. Thomas Church, Thunder Bay,  
and its Incumbent, Jonathan Blanchard.

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

That amid the doubts and fears troubling the community of faith,  
Christ’s peace may be known and shared,  
stirring 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.*

*{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 in him who is, and was, and is to come,  
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}*

That all awaiting deliverance may look with hope  
for the glorious coming of the One who was pierced,  
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 whose steadfast love endures forever,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

We remember the dead, *especially N.*

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

Praying that we, with all who sleep in Christ,  
may share in his resurrection  
and recount the deeds of the Lord forever,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

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

Almighty God, Alpha and Omega,  
hear the prayer we lift before you this day.  
Breathe your Spirit upon us  
that we may serve as compelling witnesses to the risen Christ.  
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

### Third Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2019

Let us lift our hearts to God, as we sing/say:

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

For the church of Christ throughout the world,  
especially The Anglican Church of Kenya,  
and Jackson Ole Sapit, its Primate.

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

That all who are signed by the cross  
may perceive the risen Christ at work in their daily labours,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For the newly baptized, *especially N.;*

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

that knowing the Bread of Life at this Table,  
they may recognize his presence at every table of their lives,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For those made to suffer for their faith, *especially N.;*

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

and that their persecutors may see Christ in them,  
and renounce oppression and violence, let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For all delegates and guests travelling this week  
for the 2019 convocation of Diocesan Synod in Sault Ste. Marie,  
especially *N. and N.*, delegates from this parish,  
that all deliberations will be directed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For the nations and peoples of the earth, *especially N.;*

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

that those who hold power over others  
may be troubled and transformed  
by the demands of peace and justice, let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For those who fish the oceans, seas, and lakes;  
*{allow a time of silent prayer}*  
that those whose livelihood depends on boat and net  
may be protected and sustained on the waters,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For all afflicted by sickness or need, *especially N.*;  
and for all who grieve, *especially those who most keenly miss N.*;  
*{allow a time of silent prayer}*  
that their mourning may be turned into dancing,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For risky hospitality and confident witness by this congregation;  
*{allow a time of silent prayer}*  
that our lives will persuasively testify  
Christ has been raised and is alive,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

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

O God,  
whose risen Christ always surprises us with his presence,  
quicken our sight to recognize signs that he is near,  
embolden our wills to respond to his voice,  
and make us prompt to follow where he leads,  
that all people may know the abundance of his blessing  
and the whole creation come to voice with us  
the praise and honor of his name.  
We ask this through the Jesus Christ, the risen Saviour.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2019**

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb!”

That all creation may join in this eternal anthem,  
let us lift our hearts to God, as we sing/say:

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

For the church of Christ throughout the world,  
especially The Anglican Church of Korea,  
and Moses Nagjun Yoo, its Primate.

For this Diocese of Algoma,  
especially the Parish of Muskoka Lakes:

Christ Church, Gregory; St. Mark's, Milford Bay;

St. John's, Beaumaris; St. James', Port Carling;

St. George's, Port Sandfield;

and their Interim Incumbent, GailMarie Henderson.

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

That we may hear the voice of the risen Christ and, following him,  
give testimony to God through our works,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For the children of this parish;

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

and that the rest of us may be for them  
faithful and joyful witnesses to Christ,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For those who shepherd the People of God,  
especially Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan,  
Fred, Primate of Canada,

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury,

N., our territorial Archdeacon,

N., our Incumbent,

N. clergy assisting in this congregation,

and for all the clergy of the Diocese.

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

That feeding Christ's flock,  
they may be for us icons of hope  
and examples of gospel service, let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For the newly baptized, *especially N.*

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

That they may always recognize and respond  
to the voice of Christ their Shepherd, let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For the nations and peoples of the earth, *especially N.*

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

That those who suffer injustice and poverty  
may hunger and thirst no more, let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

For those afflicted by illness, fear, or other infirmity, *especially N.*

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

That they may know the shelter of Christ the Good Shepherd  
through those who care for them, let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

Let us remember the dead, *especially N.*

*{allow a time of silent prayer}*

And that, with them, we may sing of God's salvation  
within the great multitude beyond human counting,  
let us lift our hearts to God: **(R)**

*The Presider or Intercessor concludes:*

God of comfort and compassion,  
through Jesus, your anointed One, you lead us  
to the water of life and the table of your bounty.  
May we who have tasted his tender mercy  
be strengthened by your grace  
and serve you faithfully in our generation.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 19, 2019**

Gathered together in the name of the One  
in whom God's glory is revealed,  
let us pray and offer ourselves in Christ as we sing/say:  
**“Turn our grateful hearts into lives that bring you praise.”**

Let us pray for the church.  
With Anglicans worldwide  
we lift up The Anglican Church of Melanesia,  
and its Archbishop, George Takeli.  
With Anglicans across the Diocese of Algoma  
we remember St. George's Church, Thunder Bay  
served by Deb Everest, Lay Pastoral Worker.  
We pray, too, for this congregation,  
our Archbishop, Anne,  
and our Incumbent, *N.*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That we may have such love for one another  
that everyone will know we are his disciples,  
we offer ourselves in Christ: **(R)**

Let us pray for the newly baptized, especially *N.*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That there may be no distinction among those  
whom one font, one Spirit, one faith make one people,  
we offer ourselves in Christ: **(R)**

Let us pray for exiles and refugees, *especially N.*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That all without home or homeland because of war or terrorism,  
because of the greed or hatred of others,  
may be welcomed with generosity  
into places of safety, dignity, and rest,  
we offer ourselves in Christ: **(R)**

Let us pray for those enduring illness, anxiety, or fear,  
addiction, loneliness, or betrayal,  
or any other kind of personal struggle,  
*remembering especially N.*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That Christ's victory over sin and death  
may show itself in relief and liberation for those in need,  
we offer ourselves in Christ: **(R)**

Let us remember the dead, *especially N.*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

Longing for the day when death will be no more;  
mourning and pain will be no more,  
we offer ourselves in Christ: **(R)**

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

O God, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end,  
you are the One who makes all things new.  
To the thirsty you give water from the spring of life.  
Hear the prayer hearts and voices carry before you.  
May we rejoice in the splendour of your works  
as we live in expectation of all you promise,  
through the One in whom you are glorified,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 26, 2019**

That the way of our gracious God may be known upon the earth,  
let us join our voices in prayer as we sing/say:  
**"May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth."**

Let us pray for  
all members of the Anglican Communion around the world,  
especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Fred, Primate of Canada,  
and all primates and bishops;  
for members of the Anglican Consultative Council;  
for Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Secretary General,  
for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London, England,  
and the United Nations offices in Geneva and New York.  
Let us pray, too, for the Executive and Members  
of our Diocesan Anglican Church Women,  
gathering this week in Sault Ste. Marie  
for their annual conference.

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That the Spirit, the Advocate, sent by God  
may teach them and all of us,  
bringing to remembrance  
all God's power has accomplished in Christ,  
we join our voices in prayer: **(R)**

Let us pray for the newly baptized, especially N.

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That from the waters of the Font  
a people hungry for justice and peace will be raised up,  
one with each other in Christ,  
one in ministry to all the world,  
we join our voices in prayer: **(R)**

Let us pray for one another.

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That the hospitality displayed by Lydia and her household  
may be evident in our lives today,  
we join our voices in prayer: **(R)**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the earth, *especially N.*  
*{pause for silent prayer}*

That the paths we walk will prove wide enough for all peoples:  
for the homeless, aliens in flight,  
prisoners, and those on the margins of society,  
we join our voices in prayer: **(R)**

Let us pray for those whose hearts are troubled  
by fear or hunger,  
poverty, sickness, or any other adversity,  
*especially N.*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That the peace of Christ may make its home in them,  
we join our voices in prayer: **(R)**

Let us remember the dead, *especially N.*  
*{pause for silent prayer}*

That, confident in our inheritance in Christ,  
we may rejoice and be glad in all things,  
we join our voices in prayer: **(R)**

*The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People:*

We exult in your love, O God of the living,  
for you made the tomb of death  
to be the womb of the new creation.  
You have anointed the universe  
with the fragrant Spirit of your risen Christ.  
Make us joyful witnesses to this good news  
that all humanity may perceive your goodness  
and one day gather at the feast of new life.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**The Ascension of the Lord - Thursday, May 30, 2019**

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 siblings in Christ,  
martyred or persecuted for their faithfulness, *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,  
its Incumbent, Aidan Armstrong,  
and Honorary Assistants Stephen Andrews and Jeff Hooper;  
*and for North Muskoka Pioneer Parish:*

*St. Mary's, Aspdin*  
*St. Paul's, Grassmere*  
*Christ Church, Ilfracombe.*  
*{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:*

We make our prayer to you, O God,  
in communion with all the saints on earth and heaven,  
with the martyrs and the faithful of all ages,  
and in the name that is above all names, Jesus the Christ,  
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
far above all rule and authority, power and dominion,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter – June 2, 2019**

That all people may know the One whom God has sent  
and walk in the promised liberty of the gospel,  
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 the church.

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That we may be completely one  
so every heart may know you have sent the Son,  
we offer ourselves in Christ: **(R)**

Calling, sending God, we pray for the mission of the church.

We pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico,

led by their Presiding Bishop, Francisco Moreno.

We pray for North Muskoka Pioneer Parish in this Diocese:

St. Mary's Church, Aspden

St. Paul's Church, Grassmere

Christ Church, Ilfracombe;

*and for Church of the Ascension, Sudbury,*

*its Incumbent, Aidan Armstrong,*

*and Honorary Assistants Stephen Andrews and Jeff Hooper.*

We pray for the newly baptized, *especially N.*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That through our worship, witness, and work  
we may, with you, hasten the liberation of the world,  
we offer ourselves in Christ: **(R)**

Light for the righteous,

we pray for the nations and peoples of the earth,

*especially N.*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

That creation may rejoice  
and all peoples behold your glory,  
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 all who thirst may take the water of life as a gift,  
we offer ourselves in Christ: **(R)**

Ever-faithful One, in whom our future rests secure,  
we remember before you those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
and the departed whose faith is known to you alone.

*We remember especially 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:*

God our hope,  
you have exalted your Chosen One, our High Priest Jesus Christ,  
as most high over all the earth.  
Hear the prayer we offer with him before your throne,  
and cause us to sing your praise in every situation of bondage,  
that all people may be set free  
and know you are the God who saves.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the risen and ascended Saviour.

## **The Day of Pentecost – Sunday, June 9, 2019**

We have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear.  
We have received a spirit of adoption.  
Let us pray with confidence, then,  
to the one who hears and answers when we ask,  
as we sing/say:  
**“May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.”**

God who orders all things for the common good,  
we pray for the church.  
We hold before you the Church of the Province of Myanmar,  
and its Archbishop, Stephen Than Myint Oo.  
We ask your blessing upon our Archbishop and Metropolitan, Anne,  
Fred, Primate of Canada,  
Mark, National Indigenous Bishop,  
and Lydia, Bishop of  
the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh.  
We pray, too, for St. Ambrose’s Church, Baysville;  
St. Mary Magdalene, Dorset;  
St. John’s, Fox Point;  
St. James’, Port Cunningham;  
and Kelly Baetz, their Incumbent,  
Margaret Morrison, their Deacon,  
and John Thompson, Honorary Assistant.

*{pause for silent prayer}*

Set us aflame with the Spirit’s power.  
Cause hearts to overflow with courage and conviction.  
Announce in word and witness the marvels you have done.  
We pray to you, O God: **(R)**

God who makes of us joint heirs with Christ,  
we pray for the newly baptized,  
those who, with us, have been given to drink of one Spirit,  
*especially N.,*

*{pause for silent prayer}*

Awaken dreams and visions.  
Loosen tongues to prophesy.  
Make of us signs of your Spirit,  
outpoured in the heavens and upon the earth.  
We pray to you, O God: **(R)**

O God, you open your hand  
and fill your creatures with good things.  
We pray for every nation under heaven, *especially N.*  
*{pause for silent prayer}*  
Let the good news resound in every tongue.  
Kindle gladness in all your works.  
May your glory endure now and forever.  
We pray to you, O God: **(R)**

God who hears the cry of those in need,  
we pray for all who know poverty or displacement, *especially N.*  
*{pause for silent prayer}*  
Come, Father of the poor.  
Come, generous Spirit.  
Set free and restore the creatures you have fashioned.  
We pray to you, O God: **(R)**

How manifold are your works, O God of wisdom!  
We pray for the health and wellbeing of creation.  
*{pause for silent prayer}*  
Send forth your spirit.  
Renew the face of the earth.  
Stir our hearts to rejoice in all your works.  
We pray to you, O God: **(R)**

Abba! Father,  
we pray for those weighed down by despair,  
suffering from addiction,  
or burdened by illness, *especially N.*  
*{pause for silent prayer}*

Deliver them from fear.  
Fill them with hope.  
Give them to know the glorious liberty  
of those you adopt and name as your children.  
We pray to you, O God: **(R)**

God of yesterday, today, and forever,  
we remember those whom we love but see no longer, *especially N.*  
*{pause for silent prayer}*  
Have mercy on the Beloved.  
Awaken both the living and the dead.  
Raise us into the splendor of endless Easter.  
We pray to you, O God: **(R)**

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

God who hears and answers prayer,  
you have turned our Lenten ashes  
into the life-giving fire of Pentecost.  
Like the first disciples in Jerusalem,  
send us out into the streets  
proclaiming your wonderful works.  
Together, may we stand as a sign and foretaste of your Kingdom,  
a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the Risen and Ascended Lord.