

Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada,



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Presider: The Rev'd Canon George Porter, D.Phil.

Lighting New Fire and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

April 20, 2019

6 pm.

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. *Philippians 2.8-9*

The Lighting of the New Fire

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Eucharist

Procession of Light

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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Exsultet (spoken)

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Lay Reader: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover Feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain,

whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

O God, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

First hymn of Easter:

The Collect of the Day

Lay Reader: Let us pray.

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading of the Word:

Romans 6: 3 – 11

Psalm 114

Exodus 14: 10 – 31, 15: 20 – 21

Gradual: CP 180 “Giver of the Perfect Gift”

Gospel Acclamation: CP 720 “Christ Has Died”

The Reading of the Gospel according to Luke 24: 1 - 12

Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider: Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent

and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Aspersion

The Peace

Offertory : CP 204 "Truly, He Comes to Us"

Prayer over the Gifts:

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected

**in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.**

The Holy Eucharist - BAS – Page 207

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

If you desire more personal prayer, please make your way to the chairs behind the choir where prayer team members will pray for you.

The Lord's Prayer – BAS 211

Fraction Sentence for Easter – BAS – Page 213 # 8

Alleluia! The gifts of God for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Music during Communion:

CP 54 “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”

CP 553 “Ubi Caritas et Amor”

CP 602 “Lift High the Cross”

Prayer after Communion

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be

witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Doxology : CP 669

Blessing

Invitations: (1) those who wish to keep vigil – suggested readings/prayers found on pages 325-329; (2) hot dog roasting

**Closing Hymn: CP 561 “ Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us “
verses 1,4&6**

Dismissal

Ministers Today

Greeter	Volunteer
Technology Team	Karen Ristanen
	Jim Bolt
Lectors	Frances Bennett-Sutton
	Volunteer
Lay Reader	Jim Sutton
Prayers of the People:	Volunteer
Acolyte:	Bruce Adderley
Eucharistic Assistants:	Volunteers
Music Directors:	Jamie Philp

Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65: 17 – 25

Psalms 118:1 – 2, 14 - 24

Acts 10: 34 – 43

John 20: 19 - 31

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Montana (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd C. Franklin Brookhart
(Diocesan Bishop), Wiawso (West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Kobina
Ackah (Diocesan Bishop), Igbomina - West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olajide
Adebayo (Diocesan Bishop)

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for

ACC Archbishop Anne Germond, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Algoma

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba South Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

All those initiated into Christ's Body, The Church, on this holiest of nights.

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church

Nathan and Cole Dawson, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel MacRae, Brock and Gail Marshall, Doris Marshall, Douglas and Susan, Dennis, Quinne and Grant Mason, Ian and Virginia and Rory McEwen, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Dan McQueen, Geoff and Katariina, Robert and Peter Lillianna Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Samuel Metteer, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson

Please Pray For:

Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

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<http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service can be watched on our website. **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream.

Sunday, April 21st, 2019
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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People's Warden:

Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden:

Rose Jardine

Co-Music Directors - at Gathering Table

Organist: Jamie Philp

Pianist: Donna Hamill