

Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th 2019

7 p.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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.

I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.. *Luke 2.10 - 11*

Processional Carol: CP 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful
(verses 1 – 3)

Lighting The Christ Candle

(The four Advent candles are extinguished)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Sacred Dance: Nancy Porter

The Gathering of The Community – BAS – Page 185

Time with Younger People

A Litany of the Incarnations

Collect for The Day – BAS Page 273

The Proclamation of The Lord

Isaiah 9: 2 - 7

Psalm 96

Titus 2: 11 - 14

Gradual: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1 - 20

Cry of a Tiny Babe – Richard Pepper

The Sermon: George

Time of Silent Reflection

The Nicene Creed – BAS page 188

The Confession and Absolution – BAS Page 191

The Peace:

Offertory: Immanuel

Prayer Over The Gifts – BAS – Page 273

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 HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer #3 - BAS- Page 198

The Lord's Prayer – BAS - Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread –#6 BAS - Page 213

Communion Music:

Agnus Dei

CP 126 Away in a Manger

CP 140 It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

The Little Drummer Boy

Candle Light – (Lights turned out and candles and tea lights on)

Silent Night

Prayer after Communion – BAS – Page 214 #1

The Blessing:

Closing Carol: CP 139 The First Nowell (verses 1, 2, 6)

Dismissal:

Let us go in peace to love and serve our the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ministers Today

Greeter	Marjorie and Bob Tutkaluk
Technology Team	Sharon Corston, Mark Myers
Lay Reader	Kimberly Bienvenue
Readers:	Frances Bennett-Sutton
.....	Bruce Adderley
Server:	Bruce Adderley
Eucharistic Assistants:	Sylvia and Alex Kostecki

Altar Guild: Rose Jardine, Cyndi Roy
Co – Music Directors: Nancy Wallace (Guest Organist)
..... Donna Hamill (Pianist)

Scripture Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7 - 10

Hebrews 1: 1 - 14

Psalm 98

John 1: 1 - 14

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

O come, let us adore him!

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: Ezo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Kereboro Zawo
Faisalabad (Pakistan) The Rt Revd John Samuel

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC Director the Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully and the staff of Faith,
Worship, and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries
Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

ELCIC Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Gretchen Peterson,
Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for: Church of the Holy Manger, Barkway, The Rev.
Heather Manuel

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members:

Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, and Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin
and Isobel, Brock and Gail Marshall, Doris Marshall
Douglas and Susan Mason, and Dennis, Quinne and Grant
Ian and Virginia McEwen, and Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay
Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Dan McQueen

Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert , Peter, and Lillianna, Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Samuel Metteer, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Dawn Mills, Adrienne Morris, Alex(Tom) and Dora Morris, and Hailey Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Judy Mostow, Mark Myers

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.

"Your prayers are asked for the Concurrence Committee of Gathering Table, that they may hear Your voice, heed Your call, and follow Your intentions for this parish and congregation. We ask for patience and perseverance as we move through this process, and ask that you fill us all with hope and faith for the many good things that you intend for us during this time of transition and growth."



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day:
10 am - Holy Eucharist

Dec. 29th Christmas
10 am - Lessons and Carols

Jan. 5th The Epiphany of the Lord
10 am - Holy Eucharist

Jan. 12th -The Baptism of the Lord
10 am - Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS FLOWER TRIBUTES

IN MEMORY OF:

In memory of Eileen & Frederick Stevens
Given by Daughters: Anne Stevens, Janet Stevens and Elizabeth
Mickleson

Georg Humby,
and Sister-and Brother-in-Law Sam & Joyce Langila:
From Irene Humby

A dear friend and colleague:
From Marg Boone

Jack & Edith Shaw, Don Whalley, Dennis Bevington,
Alice, Mary & Bob Shaw:
From Elizabeth Whalley

In loving memory and thanksgiving for family and friends:
From Marilyn and Al Chisholm

In loving memory of Robert Johnson, Helen & John Wolfe
From Carl and Roberta Wolfe,
Paul, Michael, Heidi, Makayla, and Riley

IN HONOUR OF:

In Thanksgiving for our parents, and those who have faithfully gone before
us. As we have freely been given love from our Creator, so we continue
only by His Grace:
From Len and Diane Hartley & families.

The people who have influenced my Christian walk through their
unconditional loving-kindness, past and present. They have showed me
what love is:
From Rose Jardine



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Brenda O'Neill and Jim Sutton

Rector's Warden:

Marg Boone

Deputy Rector's Warden:

Marjorie Tutkaluk

People's Warden:

Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden:

Rose Jardine

Co-Music Directors - at Gathering Table

Organist: Jamie Philp

Pianist: Donna Hamill,

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2019

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, The people I formed for myself, that they might declare my praise."
(Isaiah 43:19, 20b, 21)