

Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preacher and Presider: The Rev'd Gail Clifton

10:00 a.m.

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LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 29th , 2019

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

Processional Hymn: **CP 154 Joy to the World**

A Bidding for Christmas

Hymn: **CP 307 When Long Before Time verses 1, 4 and 5**

The Readings

Genesis 2:4-9,15-25 (These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created)

Prayer

Hymn: CP 418 Draw the Circle Wide verses 1 and 3

Isaiah 40:1-11 (Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God)

Prayer

Isaiah 7:10-15 (The young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel)

Prayer

Hymn: **CP 269 Heavenly Message**

Luke 1:26-38 (Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you)

Prayer

Luke 1:39-56 (My soul magnifies the Lord)

Prayer

Hymn: **CP 362 Tell Out My Soul (verses 1 – 4)**

Luke 2:1-20 (To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord)

Prayer

Hymn: **CP 130 Born in the Night (verses 1 and 4)**

Hebrews 1:1-12 (In these last days God has spoken to us by a Son)

Prayer

Hymn: **CP 137 What Child is This**

John 1:1-18 (To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God)

Prayer

Hymn: CP 120 O Little Town of Bethlehem verses 1 and 3

Prayers of the People (page 120)

Incarnation Litany*

Collect

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: CP 138 Hark the Herald Angel Sing (verses 1, 3)

Blessing

Hymn: CP 129 No Crowded Eastern Street (verses 1-3)

**Closing Hymn: CP 146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
(verses 1, 3 and 4)**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Ministers Today

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| Greeter | |
| Technology Team | Ellie Bennett, Jim Bolt |
| Lay Reader | |
| Readers | #1 |
| | #2 |
| | #3 |
| | #4 |
| Altar Guild: | Marg Boone |
| Food Cupboard | Closed |
| Co – Music Directors: | Jamie Philp (Organist) |
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A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo
Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima Gambia (West Africa)
The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for

ACC Director Joe Vecsi and the staff of Communications and
Information Resources; Director Hannah Goschy and the staff
of Financial Management and Administration
ELCIC Lyle McKenzie, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for: All Lay Workers within our parishes who play an
integral role in the administration of our churches.

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church

Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Cindy Papassay,
Henry Parise, Marjorie (Midge) Peel, Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper,
Jamie Philp, Nancy and Bob Polhill, George and Nancy Porter, Dr.
Michelle Proudfoot, David and Erminie Reid, Matthew and Desiree Reilly,
and Madison and Owen, Jonas Riauka, Bernice Richmond, William and
Lillian Richmond, Linda and Wayne Rintamaki/Edmunds, Mary Ripley,
and Grace Dawson, Muriel Rowan, Alan and Cynthia Roy, and Graham
and Michael Kenneth and Irene Roy

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."

**2020 Parishioner Parking Passes are available at the office
Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon or on
Sun. before church.**

2020 Parish Offering Envelopes and EOP Donors
2020 Parish Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please be sure to sign that you received your new envelopes. Any changes that need to be made to your giving and/or donations or if you wish to begin EOP, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give to a warden, or place on the offering plate. *Gloria McKay, Envelope Secretary.*

Reminder about visitations: There have been some situations where people in hospital or St Joseph's have been missed by the pastoral team simply because we have not known they were there. Please inform a member of the pastoral team if you know of one of our members in care. This also applies to those who are perhaps not specifically in care but are housebound. It is best to make these situations known in a phone call, written note or email. Please do not rely on us remembering requests from a verbal exchange Sunday morning or during a meeting

BOOKING CHURCH FOR MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

As we continue to shape various aspects of our life together, please note that requests for use of time and space at Gathering Table should be applied for with Roberta so that it can be cleared through Wardens at their meeting. George+

Sunday Sermons can be heard on the Gathering Table website <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



Choir Practice: Tues., 6:00 - 7:00 pm.
New members always welcome.

Up Coming Events

- Jan. 1st Sleepy G. 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Jan. 5th Birthday Cake Sunday
- Jan. 7th Concurrence Mtg. 7 p.m.
- Jan. 7th Glacier Ridge Holy Communion 1:30 p.m.
- Jan. 8th Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m.
- Jan. 9th Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall
- Jan. 9th Altar Guild take down of all the decorations
10 a.m. All are Welcome to help.
- Jan. 10th Food Cupboard Prep in Kitchen A.M.
- Jan. 12th Food Cupboard
- Jan. 15th Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m. Parish Hall
- Jan. 15th Thunder Bay Area Meeting 7 p.m. Kitchen
- Jan. 16th Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall
- Jan. 17th Craft Group 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Church Calendars are available from Elizabeth Whalley at coffee hour each Sunday for \$5.00. or call 345-5995

Camp Gitchigomee Memberships Now Available

Please consider purchasing a \$5.00 Camp Gitchigomee Membership for 2020, which helps to support the camp, and each year we have an Appreciation Supper which you will be invited to. It allows you to attend meetings, and the Annual General Meeting. But most importantly you are supporting the mission of the camp – our youth. See Roberta, Melanie, Jim S., Darlene, Heidi, Ellen, Michael



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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)