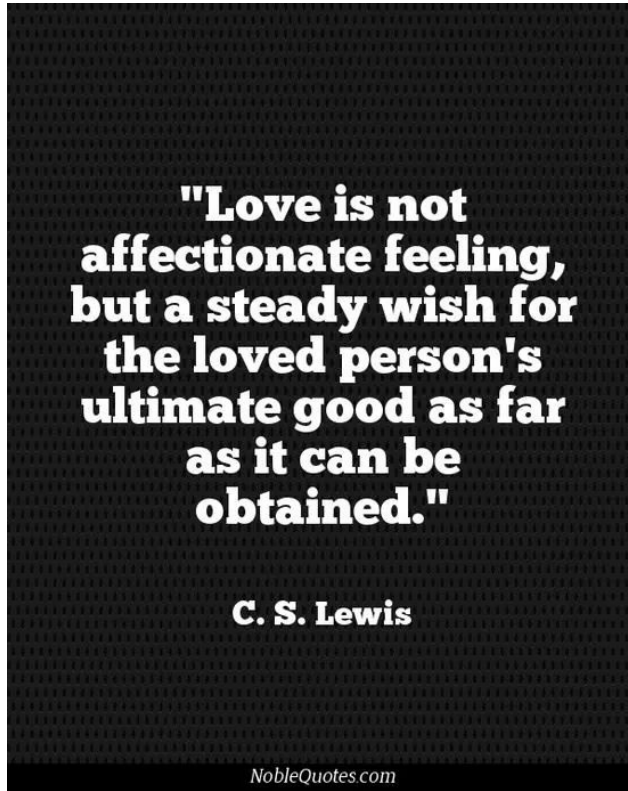


# *Gathering Table*

*a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada,*



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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**Gathering Table**  
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**Officiating & Preaching: The Rev'd George M Porter, DPhil**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

March 22, 2020

10:00 a.m.

**Welcome To Gathering Table**

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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 am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
those who follow me will have the light of life. *John 8. 12*

**The Penitential Rite**

‘Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.’

**The Officiant:**

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

The Lord is our light and our life:  
**O come, let us worship.**

Venite

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lord is our light and our life: **O come, let us worship.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Reading is from the First Book of 1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 23**

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John 9: 1 - 41**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Gospel of Christ.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: George

A time of silence for reflection.

Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,**

**with all your mind, and with all your strength  
This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

### Collect Of The Day

**Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory 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**

### Prayers of the People

Creator, your word which summoned this world into existence, brought order out of chaos and beauty out of the formless, has infused the very air we breathe with the precious perfume of your love. This word is the light by which our journey is illuminated, the light by which we see the beauty of this world, and the light we pass to those who would join us travelling in the hope and joy of your company.

Sustainer, your love extends to the boundaries of the universe yet is focused on humankind; weak, sinful, helpless, blown this-way-and-that-way individuals who you count as your children, wanting nothing more than to welcome them into your arms, prodigals returning to their home. Your word is a lamp to my feet

**ALL: And a light for my path.**

Healer, your love extends to the boundaries of humankind, to rich and poor, have and have-nots, oppressor and oppressed, thief and victim, for we are all in need of your forgiveness and reconciliation. We pray for all your children wherever they might be, especially in this time of global pandemic, in their joy and sorrow, fear, pain and suffering; that your word

might comfort, your love heal and restore.

Your word is a lamp to my feet

**ALL: And a light for my path.**

Reconciler, your love breaks through, demands to be noticed, exposes that which has been hidden, reveals the truth that has been concealed within the heart. We pray for those who exploit the poor, those whose business is slavery or persecution and those who hold power over life or death. We pray that your word, your love might bring change, and bring light into hearts darkened by sin.

Your word is a lamp to my feet

**And a light for my path.**

Saviour, your love has influence wherever it is shown; a shoulder to lean on, a willing ear to listen, a task performed, a gift given, a selfless act. Give special strength to those who daily give of themselves to care for the sick, the endangered and those in any need. We pray for Archbishop Anne and all those in positions of authority and responsibility. May they show your love and share your word through their actions and service, and may they and those they serve be blessed.

Your word is a lamp to my feet

**And a light for my path.**

**Christ with us, Christ before us,**

**Christ behind us, Christ in us,**

**Christ beneath us, Christ above us,**

**Christ on our right, Christ on our left,**

**Christ when we lie down, Christ when we sit down,**

**Christ when we arise,**

**Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of us,**

**Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of us,**

**Christ in every eye that sees us, Christ in every ear that hears us.**

**Leader:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing & Dismissal

**The Officiant :** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Scripture Readings The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

Psalm 130

Romans 8: : 6 - 11

John 11: 1 - 45

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

**Please Pray for:** The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for**

**ACC** Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal

**ELCIC** The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario Synod

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :**

Please Pray for: **St. Brice's, North Bay**, The Rev. Dr. Peter Armstrong

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:**

Please pray for our own church members:

John (Sandy) and Honor Shaw, Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick

Sally Shewaybick, Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee

Smith, Dale and Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Eric and Ann

Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Peter and Marion Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb

Jim and Frances Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Violet Thomson, Paula Timmins



Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance

**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.

**Prayer requests from Arch Bishop Anne:**

“Please join the bishops of our province in holding our province and our whole world in prayer during this time of crisis, especially those who are afflicted with this coronavirus. Pray especially for researchers, policymakers, frontline workers, and for all those who are caring for those who are sick, as well as for those who have died and those who mourn.”

“Continue to pray for those who are most deeply affected by COVID-19 - frontline workers, hospital staff, those who are stranded and unable to return to their homes from abroad, those who are isolated further because of the new restrictive measures in place, and those who have been diagnosed with COVID -19 and their families and loved ones.”

**New- Gathering Table Prayer Chain**

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact Sheila Chisholm at [chisholmsheilak@gmail.com](mailto:chisholmsheilak@gmail.com) or text or phone 306-240-0771.

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

God is our Father, our Mother the Church.

**Reminder about Visitations:**

Pastoral care visits will be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office or the Rectory if such a situation arises; Telephone prayer ministry will be ongoing;

## **Dear Parishioners:**

At this time when Sunday worship services have been suspended, we are providing a number of ways that you can continue to financially support our mission and ministries at Gathering Table. Of course, these methods are unnecessary for parishioners currently using the Electronic Offering Program (EOP). But if you wish to begin the EOP or modify your existing EOP, please contact the Diocesan office at:

[https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/about-the-diocese-of-  
algoma/electronic-offering-programme/](https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/about-the-diocese-of-<br/>algoma/electronic-offering-programme/)

## **Offering Options:**

1. Drop it off at the church office at 228 Pearl St. Office hours are Tuesday to Thursday 10 – 2 and Friday 9 – 12 noon. Just buzz the door, identify yourself, and the door will be unlocked. Give it to Roberta or Sharon, who will record the offering.
2. Mail it in to: Gathering Table, 228 Pearl St., Thunder Bay, ON P7B 1E4. Please ensure to not mail cash.
3. Send an e-transfer by setting up a profile with your own financial institution, indicate the recipient is Gathering Table church, and use the church email address of [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca) Use the security question “What is the first name of our Pastor?” (answer: George) In the message box, please include your envelope number or mailing address, and the Sunday date you wish the offering to be applied. For example:

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| Envelope no. 999 for<br>Sunday March 25 |
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With appreciation,  
Marg, Marjorie, Sheila, Jim

**Sunday Sermons:** Since we aren't gathering at the church, the Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca>

## **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+

### **2020 Parishioner Parking Passes are now available at the office**

During office hours, or before church on Sunday.

**Email** office@gatheringtable.ca

**Website** <http://gatheringtable.ca>

**Office Hours**- 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Tues., to Thursday

Services Sundays start at 10 a.m.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Cards and envelopes are IN A RED CONTAINER at the back of the Church. There are several ways to submit the donation, all are listed on the back of the cards.

**ALL INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE BY APRIL 7/20 to be included in Easter Bulletin.**

## **Up Coming Events**

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| Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Food Cupboard given out at Red Door only   |
| April 4 <sup>th</sup> | Palm Crosses in Parish Hall at 10 a.m.   |
| Apr. 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Glacier Ridge 1:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome   |
| Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.   |
| Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard Prep and Lunch   |
| Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup> | Good Friday Service  |
| Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee Log Painting 7 p.m.   |
| Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup> | Easter Vigil   |
| Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Easter Sunday, Food Cupboard   |
| Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup> | Mission to Seafarers Annual Dinner<br>Cancelled until Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020 |

Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>      Camp Gitchigomee AGM– Gathering Table  
Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>      Food Cupboard  
Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>      Meat Orders Due to Jonas Today  
May 6<sup>th</sup>        Meat Order Pick Up Today at Gathering Table in the parking  
lot – See Jonas for time  
May 26<sup>th</sup>      ACW Annual - Cancelled  
June 20<sup>th</sup>      Blessing of the Fleet – Watch for details



### **Call for Board Member Nominations**

The Camp Gitchigomee Nominating Committee is seeking persons to serve on the Board of Directors. There are three positions that need to be filled out of the nine member board; all are for a three year term. These positions will be elected / acclaimed at the camp's Annual General meeting at Gathering Table, on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Board members provide servant leadership and wisdom in directing all affairs of the camp. Board members who may wish to “roll up their sleeves” and help with the day-to-day operation of this front-line ministry will not be turned away!

The Board meets monthly, except for July, August and December; other meetings may be called as required. Our Bylaws require that Board members:

- a) are at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- b) are active members of the Anglican Church of Canada or another Christian Church;
- c) recognize and support the objects, mission and values of the Corporation (below);
- d) pay the annual membership fee (currently \$5)

The objects for which the Corporation [Camp Gitchigomee] is incorporated are:

“To operate and maintain a Christian camp where children and others receive instruction in the Christian faith, and where camping, sporting, crafts, water skills and nature study are enjoyed. This camp shall provide opportunities for children, youths and leaders to grow in the Christian

faith and in community, through Bible teaching, worship, example, service and Christian living.”

Please give this your careful consideration as an opportunity to serve in this front-line mission. If you are interested, or have any questions, contact us. Thanks so much!

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### **The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay**

#### **Meat Fund-Raiser 2020**

Meat supplied by European Meats a Thunder Bay company

|                                |                 |         |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Mild Legion Sausages           | 5 lbs           | \$28.00 |
| Hot Legion Sausages            | 5 lbs           | \$28.00 |
| Cheese Legion Sausages         | 5 lbs           | \$35.00 |
| Pepperettes                    | 8/pkg, 1 lb/pkg | \$ 8.50 |
| Garlic Chub (Kielbasa)         | 2 lbs           | \$17.00 |
| Lenkki (Baloney) Ring          |                 | \$12.00 |
| Ham and Garlic Ring (Kielbasa) |                 | \$14.00 |
| Chicken Breast (unseasoned)    | 4 kg            | \$55.00 |
| 4 oz Beef Patty                | 42 pcs          | \$58.00 |
| Strip Loin Steak               | 8 pcs           | \$80.00 |

People appreciate the quality of the meat we sell through this fundraiser. European Meats suppliers are in Murillo and Western Canada. The meat is gluten free and it has no additives or preservatives and European Meats makes the sausage using a mixture of beef and pork. The hamburger patties are gluten-free.

Orders must be prepaid, a cheque is payable to 'The Mission to Seafarers'.  
Orders must be placed by Monday, April 27 and they will be delivered on  
Wednesday, May 6.

Contact Jonas Riauka to place your order at 630-7769 or 577-2566  
Please help support our ministry to the seafarers.

**You Are Invited to:**

**Camp Gitchigomee Log Painting**

Friday, April 10th, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Gathering Table - 228 Pearl Street (use Handi cap ramp)

Come out, join in the fun, and help us paint the camp logs for 2020.

No experience necessary - we will teach you.

**WE NEED YOUR  
TREASURES!**



**Nearly New Sale Coming - Sat. June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Help Make Palm Crosses....**

The Altar Guild invites you to join us on **Sat. April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.-noon** in the Parish Hall to make Palm Crosses. If you haven't made palm crosses before, we will teach you.





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**Lay Readers:** Frances Bennett-Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,  
Rose Jardine, 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:

Sheila Chisholm

**Co-Music Directors - at Gathering Table**

**Pianist Donna Hamill Organist (Vacant)**

**Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2020**

***"In the same way, let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father in heaven."***

(Matthew 5.16)