



Gathering Table  
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

**Officiant: The Rev'd George Porter, DPhil**  
**Lay Reader: Rose Jardine**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

April 19<sup>th</sup> , 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.*

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

*John 20. 29*

Introductory Response for Resurrection – BAS page 98 #6

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He gave us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.  
**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.  
**He called us from our darkness into the light of  
his day.**

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The Penitential Rite

**Lay Reader:**

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.**

Officiant: 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.**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:  
**O Come Let us worship.**

### **Responsory for Resurrection BAS page 108 # 11**

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Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
sing the glory of his name.  
**He gives life to our souls.**

Come now and see the work of God,  
how wonderful he is toward all people.  
**He gives life to our souls.**

He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot.  
**He gives life to our souls.**

There we rejoiced in him.  
In his might he rules for ever.

**He gives life to our souls.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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**\* he gives life to our souls.**

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**O come, let us worship.**

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

**First Reading is from the Book of**

**Acts 2: 14a, 22 – 32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since

he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

### **Psalm 16**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Second Reading is from the First Letter of  
1 Peter 1: 3 - 9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the

outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John 20: 19 - 31**

**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

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. 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. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

**Collect Of The Day**

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**Prayers of the People**

In joy and hope, let us pray to the source of all life, saying: 'hear us, Lord of glory'.

Our Lord and risen Saviour, fill us with the joy of your holy and life-giving resurrection. We pray to you,  
**'hear us, Lord of glory'**

We ask your blessing on Pastor George, Nancy, Pastor Gail, Gail and on Archbishop Anne and her family. Grant that the ministers and laity of Gathering Table may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

We lift before you the isolated and persecuted churches in

this world, refresh and strengthen them in the Easter gospel. We pray to you,

**'hear us, Lord of glory'**

We pray for Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Trudeau, AFN Bellegarde, Premiere Ford, Grand Chief Kavanaugh, Chief Collins and Mayor Mauro: Lord, help them to serve this people according to your holy will. Grant us all the humility to be subject to one another in Christian love. We pray to you,

**'hear us, Lord of glory'**

Even though we cannot gather as one, physically, we remain united in the spirit of your love, through the life-giving power of your resurrection. We, together, pray for the many people affected by Covid, those who live in fear, those who live in ignorance, those who have lost their jobs, or who have to stay away from their families while they continue to work. We ask you, Lord, to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, for ANY reason. We pray to you,

**'hear us, Lord of glory'**

Heal the earth Lord. We pray for the 'giants of industry'

around the globe, that they might see what greed has done.  
By your power, cause wars and famine to cease through all  
the earth. We pray to you,  
**'hear us, Lord of glory'**

We pray for the most vulnerable people during this  
pandemic, protect them Lord  
Reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak and  
the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened.  
We pray to you,  
**'hear us, Lord of glory'**

**A prayer of the Kikuyu, Kenya** (a reminder to us all,  
during this pandemic)

**ALL:**

**O Father, your power is greater than all powers.**

**O Son, under your leadership we cannot fear  
anything.**

**O Spirit, under your protection there is nothing  
we cannot overcome. Amen**

Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people, that we

may bear faithful witness to your resurrection. We pray to you,

**'hear us, Lord of glory'**

**Lay Reader:** 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.**

## **A Blessing**

Announcements

Dismissal                      Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

## **Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2: 14a, 36 – 41

Psalm 116: 1 – 3, 10 – 17

1 Peter 1: 17 – 23

Luke 24” 13 – 35

## **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

**Please Pray for:** The Church of Church of Ireland

## **Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

### **Please Pray for**

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| <b>ACC</b>       | Archbishop Anne Germond, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma   |
| <b>ELCIC</b>     | The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba South Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod                      |
| <b>ACC/ELCIC</b> | The Right of Indigenous Peoples to Free, Prior and Informed Consent and a renewed commitment to responsible resource extraction |

## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :**

Please Pray for: St. Thomas', Thunder Bay, The Rev. Jonathan Blanchard

## **Parish Cycle of Prayer:**

Please pray for our own church members: Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy Crocker Scott and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Mary Jane Deeley, Sheila Douglas, Mary Edwards, Emil and Margot Engler, and Steven and Abby, Rose Everall, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Philip and Laura Fralick, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill, Melanie Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod,

**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’s limitless love does not judge; it is given freely.

### **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-agloma/electronic-offering-programme/](https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/about-the-diocese-of-<u>agloma</u>/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

Envelope no. 999 for  
Sunday March 29

include your envelope number or mailing address, and the Sunday date you wish the offering to be applied. For example:

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**

All bookings are cancelled until further notice.

**Email** [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto: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.

### ***Here are some other things to take note of:***

*The building will remain closed indefinitely, though phone calls will be answered during office hours. All gatherings, events or meetings must either be postponed or conducted by means of various internet tools.*

*The Food Cupboard will operate every second and*

*fourth Sunday of the month in its present modified format. No emergency food parcels will be distributed during this time.*

*Pastoral visitation is drastically restricted. In emergency situations please call the office or the Rectory. We realise that, despite the focus on this crisis and the cutting back on medical and social services, other things still go on – and some things get worse. Isolation is hard for many people for different reasons, not only physically, but relationally, emotionally and spiritually. We want to do what we can to help.*

*There is a new ‘prayer chain’ to supplement our ongoing prayers. Please call the office with potential requests. Remember to pray especially for leaders and for those who must engage in heroic forms of ‘risky behaviours’: medical personnel, emergency responders, those who deal with the dead and their families, those who keep vital services operating, and those mostly unseen people who enable these others to keep going.*





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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)