

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiant: The Rev'd George Porter, DPhil

5th Sunday of Easter

May 10th , 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 way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14. 6*

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

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.

Canticle 7 - The New Jerusalem

page 78 - 79 BAS - *Isaiah 60.1-3, 11ab, 14cd, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come; *
the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Though night still covers the earth *
and darkness covers the nations,

Over you will the Lord arise, *
over you will his glory appear.
Nations will stream to your light *
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Your gates will always be open; *
day or night, they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders;
you will name your walls, Salvation, *
you will call your gates, Praise.

No longer will the sun be your light by day, *

no longer the moon give you light by night;
the Lord will be your eternal light; *
your God will be your glory.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:
O come, let us worship.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from the Book of Acts 7: 55 - 60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 31: 1 – 5, 15 – 16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."

Second Reading is from

1 Peter 2: 2 – 10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen

race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 14: 1 - 14

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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayers of the People

Let us pray:

Good and gracious Creator, you are gathering your community of the beloved from across the earth, asking us to pour out our lives on behalf of those who hunger for hope, justice and daily bread. You are asking us to see the earth as you do, as a holy place for everything to whom you give life and sustaining that life in all your creatures.

When we see realities around us that take our breath away – bellies growling in hunger while others consume more than their share of our resources, disease and woundedness, conflicts and wars, broken relationships and abuse, grief and death, we ask you to breathe new life into all your people, gathering us into one great family, so that we might remind one another of your dream for your creation. Pour out your Spirit on all your creation that we may know together all our relations.

Time of Silent Prayer

Easter Litany – page 122 BAS

Continuing in joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,

“Hear us, Lord of glory!”

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength

in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

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

Scripture Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17: 22 – 31

Psalm 66: 7 – 18

1 Peter 3: 13 – 22

John 14: 15 - 21

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: the Anglican Church of Kenya, The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC Bishop Susan Bell, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Winnipeg Central and North Areas of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for: Parish of St. Stephen, Church of the Redeemer, Rosseau, St. Thomas', Orrville, St. Thomas', Ullswater/Bent River, The Rev. Peter Simmons, The Rev. Dr. Cal MacFarlane (Hon.), The Rt. Rev. George Elliot (Hon.), Christ Church, Windermere, The Rev. Robert Clubbe

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members: 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, Mark Myers, 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, Chris and Laura Pyhtila, David and Erminie Reid, Matthew and Desiree Reilly, and Madison and Owen

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 or text or phone 306-240-0771.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

ATM found here: Atonement, Truth, Mercy.

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-
agloma/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

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
Sunday March 29 |
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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>

Table Talk: We are going to attempt Table Talk via Zoom on Thursday's starting at 7 pm. Please contact George for the sign in information.

BOOKING CHURCH FOR MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

All bookings are cancelled until further notice.

Email office@gatheringtable.ca

Website <http://gatheringtable.ca>

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

Friday 9 a.m. - Noon

Services Sundays start at 10 a.m.



Spring Clean Up - THANK YOU

Everyone at Gathering Table extends their thanks to Wayne Hargrave and his buddies, who over the past 2 weeks have raked all the winter debris off the church gardens and lawns and swept the grit off the driveway and parking lot. Our property is tidy, there are over 30 filled paper yard bags and

we are grateful to all of them for this spontaneous offer to undertake this large task.

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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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)