

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

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

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
ACW Sunday

June 14th , 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.

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1. 15

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 molded 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!**

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The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading is from the Book of
Exodus 19: 2 – 8a**

² They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴ You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 100

All Lands Summoned to Praise God

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans 5: 1 – 8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8, 9 - 23

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: George

Time for 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 for 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you.
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things
direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our time within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of the sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever.

Collect for the Mission of the Church - **BAS pg 676**

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake.

Litany #5 – pages 114-115 BAS

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”)
Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen

Elizabeth, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant 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.

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Scripture Readings for 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 40: 25 - 31

Psalm 19

Philippians 4: 4 - 9

John 1: 1 – 18

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo - Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson, the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land

ELCIC/ACC Lutheran and Anglican global partners and companions.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for: ACW Sunday

ACW PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work and witness as Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving us wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that we may serve you in spirit and truth. Called to be your church, may our study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. In our ministry may we always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members: Elroy Ulmer, Robert Vienneau, Terry Wade, Evelyn Wallace, Elaine Waring, Barbara Warwick, Elizabeth Whalley, and Jim, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

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

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

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.dioceseofagoma.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.

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 realize 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.

Help Needed for the Church garden

Please call Erminie Reid at 767 - 4566 if you can help with the gardening anytime during the summer.

Thank you from Erminie Reid & Sheila Douglas.

Mission to Seafarers' Meat Sale:

See: Mission to Seafarers Website for Price Sheet
Orders must be prepaid, a cheque is payable to 'The Mission to Seafarers'. Orders must be placed by **June 29** and they will be delivered on **July 8**. to place your order or contact the Mission at 344-8241 or flyingangel@tbaytel.net .



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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)