

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

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

Liturgy of the Word for National Indigenous People's Day

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 21st , 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; 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.

'Let us glorify the Lord In the firmament of the Creator's power, glorify the Lord, praising and highly exalting the Lord forever.'
(from The Song of the Three)

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.

In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Collect for Purity – BAS page 185

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

18a The Song of Mary - BAS page 86

Luke 1.46–55

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading is from the Book of
Isaiah 40: 25 - 31**

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is

unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians 4: 4 – 9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer

and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 1: 1 - 18

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: George

Wings of an Eagle

(written by Steve Bell; sung by Richard Pepper]

The Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel - BAS page 53

Let us confess our faith in these words:

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.

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to God's presence. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Collect for the Day

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen

Prayers of the People

Let us pray, saying:

In the shadow of your wings, we are held; Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

Creator of all, we lift our hearts to you in gratitude for this life, and for the medicines and teachings with which you gift us, most especially for the gift of Jesus the Christ in whom we see most clearly your love, mercy and justice. We raise our hearts in gratitude for the gift of breath, and we thank you, Living Spirit, for the gift of our bodies, the lands and waters and relationships that sustain us.

In the shadow of your wings, we are held; Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

We bring our prayers for Archbishop Anne, for our Primate, Linda, for national Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald, for other bishops, priests and deacons, as well as for all healers, traditional teachers, Elders, lay and community leaders, and for the self-determining Indigenous Church, and all its leaders. For this community and everyone working in your mission of reconciliation, healing and justice - for the flourishing of our ministries and guidance of your Holy Spirit. We bring our prayers for community leaders, and today especially for Chiefs and Indigenous leadership and governance, for the creativity of your vision.

In the shadow of your wings, we are held; Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

We pray for those who are sick, exhausted, shut in, and for healthcare workers, long term care workers; for all who are vulnerable during this pandemic, and for all who are in need of your healing, comforting and sustaining touch:

_____ We pray for all living without access to clean drinking or other basic necessities of health, for those who are without shelter, for those who haven't enough to eat - for all who are struggling to survive, and those who are missing, for their safety and protection.

In the shadow of your wings, we are held; Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

We bring our prayers for those who have died, and those who mourn their loss: _____. We bring our prayers for all whose lives have been cut short by violence, including all murdered Indigenous women and men, girls and boys, and Two-Spirit peoples. We ask for justice and healing at every level of our relationships and society: for the healing of the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and policies of child apprehension, for the vulnerable, for prisoners, refugees, and all who are afraid – especially those whose fear is accentuated during this time of racial tensions and global pandemic.

In the shadow of your wings, we are held; Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

We give thanks for all engaged in building trusting relationships and alliances across difference, praying for the liberation of our hearts and minds from all forms of racism, for the fire of your Spirit to enkindle renewal across this land. Open our hearts, O God, granting us compassion, helping us see our interdependence; let love transform our communities. We thank you, source of life, nurturer of our souls, for our creation and all the nourishment of our Mother the Earth, from which you formed us and to which we shall return in the certain hope of resurrection and life everlasting.

In the shadow of your wings, we are held; shelter us, in your loving mercy.

And now, we give you thanks special for our human

fathers, grandfathers and those who are, or who have been father-figures, in our lives. And we join in the prayer our Saviour Christ has taught us, boldly saying:

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;

Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Readings for 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28: 5 - 9

Psalm 13

Romans 6: 12 - 23

Matthew 10: 40 - 42

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 The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical
Province of Rupert's Land

ELCIC/ACC The National Indigenous Day of Prayer:
for healing and reconciliation between
Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for: National Indigenous Peoples' Day – All
Indigenous People in the Diocese

*Creator God,
from you every family in heaven and earth takes its
name.
You have rooted and grounded us
in your covenant love,
and empowered us by your Spirit
to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.
Mercifully grant that your people,
journeying together in partnership,
may be strengthened and guided
to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ,
who is our light and our life. Amen*

St. John's, Garden River, Bishop Fauquier Memorial
Chapel, The Rev. Lana Grawbarger – Deacon Incumbent

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members:

Violet Aber, Bruce and Georgina Adderley, Roberta

Adderley, Joanna Aegard, Angela Alberta and Ava, Katelin Anderson, Ryan Thrasher, Brooke-Lynn and Scarlett, Audrey Atkinson and Errol, Bill Barney, Wilson Barton, Sabata Baya, Brandon and Ellen Beaudry and Clint, Richard and Lesley BeauParlant, Wendy Bell, Ellie Bennett, Kerri and Shane, Sydney and Samuel, Kim Bienvenue

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 /phone 306-240-0771.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity

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-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

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 .

Join us for Zoom Coffee Hour, after the Sunday Service with Jim Sutton as host. Email Jim for the link. (fsutton@tbaytel.net)



**The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
The Anglican Church of Canada
A Template for the Safe Reopening of Our Churches**

June 17, 2020

The provincial House of Bishops has decided that our churches will not be reopening for in-person worship until at least September. This decision was made in consultation with public health experts as well as our diocesan executive officers and chancellors, with the well-being and safety of all our parishioners and the communities we serve uppermost in our hearts and minds.

As we contemplate reopening safely, we offer a common template for Anglican dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, to be adapted locally as pandemic conditions in our communities warrant the safe reopening of our church buildings. We recognize that a decision to move forward from one stage to another, or back to an earlier stage, will be affected by the course of the pandemic, which is dynamic; and that subsequent waves are possible, along with regional variations.

As things unfold, the Bishops will meet and consult regularly and will seek counsel from our advising epidemiologists: The Reverend Michael Garner (Public Health); Dr. Rob James (Consultant); and Dr. Bill Gardner (Research).

The enclosed template is unanimously endorsed by the provincial House of Bishops:

The Most Reverend Anne Germond
The Right Reverend Michael Oulton, The Right Reverend Susan Bell, The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, The Right Reverend Shane Parker
The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, The Right Reverend Peter Fenty
The Right Reverend Riscylla Shaw, The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson, The Right Reverend Jenny Andison



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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)