

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiant: Brenda O'Neill - Lay Reader

7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19th , 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.

My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent. it. *Isaiah 55.11*

The Penitential Rite

Lay Reader:

Dear friends in Christ, as we continue in worship with 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.**

Responsory #9 – General - Page 99 BAS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Come, let us worship God our King.
**Come, let us worship Christ, our King and our
God.**

Come, let us worship Christ among us, our King and our
God.
**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Jubilate – Page 49 BAS

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Song of Peace – Page 75 BAS

Isaiah 2.2–5

In the days to come *
the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall tower as the highest of mountains *
and be raised above the hills.
There shall all the nations flow; *
many peoples shall come and say,
“Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, *
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways *
that we may walk in his paths.”

For the law shall go out from Zion, *
from Jerusalem the word of the Lord.
He shall judge between the nations *

and decide for many peoples.

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, *
their spears into pruning-knives;
nation shall not lift sword against nation; *
they shall never train for war again.
O people of Jacob, come, *
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading is from the Book of Genesis 28: 10 – 19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and

said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Psalm 139: 1 – 11, 22 – 23

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting

Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to The Romans 8: 12 – 25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then

heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: Brenda O'Neill

The Affirmation of Faith - Page 52 BAS
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 for the Day

**Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new
and living way into your presence. Give us pure**

hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. Amen

Litany #1 – Page 110 BAS

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying . . .“Lord, have mercy.”)

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For *this city (town, village, etc.)*, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . .), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died (especially . . .), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering (. . . and) all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you

have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.

Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – Page 54 BAS

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

***All* 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 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29: 15 – 28

Psalms 105: 1 – 11, 45c

Romans 8: 26 – 39

Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the
Philippines

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson, Indigenous
Bishop Sid Black, the clergy and people of
the Diocese of Calgary

ELCIC The assistant to the bishop and the staff of
the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for: : The Parish of the Good
Shepherd/Almaguin, Good Shepherd, Emsdale, Grace
Church, South River, St. John's, Eagle Lake, St. George the
Martyr, Magnetawan, The Rev. Catherine Murkin, The
Rev. Canon Edna Murdy (Hon.-Emsdale), The Rev. Dr.
Glen Taylor (Hon.-Almaguin), The Rev. Lynda Mee
(Deacon Associate)

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members: Doris Loon, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love. Kim MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, and Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, David Marler Jean McAlpine-Marler, Brock and Gail Marshall, Doris Marshall, Douglas and Susan Mason and Dennis, Quinne and Grant Ian and Virginia McEwen, and Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna, Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier,

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

Store the Bible in your heart, not on a shelf.

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>

BOOKING CHURCH FOR MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

All bookings are cancelled until further notice.

Email office@gatheringtable.ca

Website <http://gatheringtable.ca>

Office Hours- Closed for July 21, 22, 23

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.



To the Parishes of the Thunder Bay Deanery,

Please join us in welcoming the newly elected Board of Directors for Camp Gitchigomee:

President – Maranda Dumas

Vice President – Sandra Rejall

Secretary – Tyanna McNally **Treasurer** – Jim Sutton

At Large Members:

Heidi Dreher-Wolfe Bronwyn Huffman
Rev. Jonathan Blanchard Dave Reid
Andrea Dumas

Ex-Officio - The Venerable Deborah H. Kraft
for The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop of Algoma

As you may know, our 2020 Camp season looks a little different than past years. In order to keep our volunteers, campers, and staff safe and healthy during the pandemic we have had to cancel our regularly scheduled overnight camps and special 75th Anniversary celebrations. We look forward to celebrating and building on the longevity and successes of the past in physical community when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we are excited to be continuing general maintenance and updates to both camp property and camp policies. Thank you for your continued support; if you are interested in helping with the camp mission, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email, Facebook, or our website.

Joyfully in Christ,

The Camp Gitchigomee Board of Directors

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Reminder: Church Office is closed
July 21, 22, 23, 2020



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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)