

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiant: The Rev'd Gail Clifton M.Div.

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2nd , 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.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart O God, you will not despise. *Psalms 51.18*

The Officiant:

Dear friends in Christ,

as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. 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.**

Morning Prayer – Page 47 BAS

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.

The Invitatory – Page 48 BAS #12

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

O come, let us worship.

Venite – Page 49 BAS

Psalm 95: 1 - 7

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

The First Reading is from the Book of Genesis 32; 22 - 31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 17: 1 – 7, 16.

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offence with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 9: 1 - 5

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the

patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 14: 13 - 21

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: Rev. Gail

The Shema – Page 53 BAS
Hear, O Israel

**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 for the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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!

Readings for the 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37: 1- 4, 12 - 28

Psalms 119: 129 - 136

Romans 10: 5 – 15

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: The new Province of Alexandria - created from the former Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC Bishops Lydia Mamakwa, Larry Beardy, and Morris Fidler; the clergy and people of the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for: St. Mary's, Nipigon, The Rev. Dr. Patti Brace, St. John's, Schreiber

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members: Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek and Denise Jetten, Hazel Johnson, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen, Alex and Sylvia Kosteck, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Al and Jessica Lauzon, Madelynn and Rosalie, Doris Loon, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love, Kim MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel

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

No perfect people allowed. Come as you are.

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- 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.



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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)