

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiant: The Rev'd George Porter, DPhil

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 9th , 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.

I wait for the Lord; in his word is my hope. *Psalm 130.4*

Let us pray:

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.

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.**

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

O Come Let us worship.

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Song of Peace

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.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

**The First Readings is from the Book of
Genesis 37: 1 - 4, 12 - 28**

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of

Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue

him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 129 – 136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.

¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.

¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.

Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 10: 5 – 15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him

from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 14: 22 – 33

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: George

The Affirmation of Faith
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Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Publishing the Banns:

I publish the banns of marriage between Leona Tracy Melissa Morris and Lloyd Meekis, both of Thunder Bay. If anyone can show just cause or impediment why these two persons may not lawfully be joined together you are to make it known. This is the second time of asking.

Dismissal;

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Scripture Readings for 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45: 1- 15

Psalm 133

Romans 11: 1 – 2a, 29 - 32

Matthew 15: 10 - 28

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda , The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda - Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda & Bishop of Shyira

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC Bishop Robert Hardwick, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for: Retreat Houses, Maison Dieu, Bracebridge; Villa Loyola, Sudbury

Retired Clergy:

Pray for the retired clergy in your deanery, many of whom continue to assist in parishes. We pray for Rev. Gail here at Gathering Table. We thank God for their dedicated service to Christ and the Church.

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members: David Marler, Jean McAlpine-Marler, Brock and Gail Marshall, Doris Marshall, Douglas and Susan Mason, Dennis, Quinne and Grant, Ian and Virginia McEwen, Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna, Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Samuel Metteer, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Dawn Mills,

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.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Exercise daily.....walk with the Lord!



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.”

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.

Pastoral Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will still 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:

Envelope no. 999 for Sunday March 29

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 on 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 '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



Camp Gitchigomee was to celebrate their 75th Anniversary this August, but because of Covid 19 it is put on hold till 2021. We are looking for photos and stories from those that would like to share to be included in our Anniversary Booklet. Please email or mail us what you have.

Do you have a photo of your “Logs”
you would like to share?

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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)