

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiant: The Rev'd George Porter, DPhil

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30th 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.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. *Ephesians 1.17, 18*

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.

Responsory 11 – Page 108 BAS
Resurrection

Let the voice of God's praise resound;

* he gives life to our souls.

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Be joyful in God, all you lands;

sing the glory of his name.

He gives life to our souls.

Come now and see the work of God,
how wonderful he is toward all people.

He gives life to our souls.

He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot.

He gives life to our souls.

There we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever.

He gives life to our souls.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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Canticle 13 - Page 82

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

O Come Let us worship.

A Song of Praise

Song of the Three 29–34

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise, glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendour of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

The First Readings is from the Book of

Exodus 3: 1 - 15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the

wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 26: 1 - 8

- ¹ Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- ² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.^[a]
- ⁴ I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
- ⁵ I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸ O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

**Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to the
Romans 12: 9 – 21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 16: 21 – 28

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: George

The Affirmation of Faith –
Hear, O Israel – Page 53 BAS

**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

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our

hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayers of the People

Litany 18 – Page 126 – 127 BAS

A Responsive Intercession

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For *N* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left
undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit**

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Readings for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12: 1 - 14

Psalm 149

Romans 13: 8 - 14

Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: The united Church of South India
The Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI &
Bishop of South Kerala

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC Bishop Chris Harper, the clergy and people of the
Diocese of Saskatoon

ELCIC Bishop Greg Mohr, the people and rostered
ministers of the British Columbia Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer : St. Simon's, Temagami
Holy Trinity, Temiscaming, and The Rev. Dr. Derek Neal

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members: Ellen
Teahan, Violet Thomson, Paula Timmins, Bob and
Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, 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.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

God's creation is always bursting with discoveries.



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.

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>

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.



2020 Log Fundraiser

We know that a lot of people are bummed about missing out on a log this year... so now you don't have to! We have painted special edition 2020 logs, available by donation - suggested donation of \$5. The perfect way to support the camp and remember this unique year - they make great gifts for past staff, campers, or supporters and tax receipts are available for donations over \$15. Contact us on Instagram, Facebook or email us (Attn: Maranda) for yours!



Contact: gitchigomee@shaw.ca



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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)