



Gathering Table  
**a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of  
Canada**

**WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE**

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**4th Sunday in the Season of Creation**

**September 27, 2020**

**Presider & Preacher:**

**The Rev'd George Porter, D. Phil.**

**10:00 am**

**BAS 185**

***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 sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them and they follow me. *John 10.27*

**The Gathering of the Community**

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*Please stand, as you are able, for the Gathering of the Community*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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.**

Let us continue in prayer together, saying:

**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. Amen**

**Canticle 15 A Song of Creation (2)      BAS pg 83-84**

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the earth glorify the Lord. \***

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and  
streams, \***

**O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.**

**O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Doxology

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit; \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

The Collect for the **Season of Creation**

**Creator God, giver of every good gift, put into our  
hearts the love of your name through all the earth,  
so that by deepening our sense of reverence for  
your work of creation, you may nurture through  
us, that which you have made good, and, by your**

**watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who  
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**First Reading is from The Book of  
Exodus 17: 1 - 7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

**Psalm 78: 1 – 4, 12 - 16**

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## **Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2: 1 - 13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

*Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Matthew 21: 23 - 32**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**The Sermon: George**

**A Time of Silence**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Please stand as you are able for the Confession,  
Absolution and the Peace*

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

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.**

## **The Peace**

*(During this time, please refrain from moving about and observe physical distancing)*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated through the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of Communion, and remain seated for the duration of the service.*

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

**Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness and mercy we have this bread and wine to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands; they will be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 6**

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to glorify you, Father,  
and to give you thanks;  
for you alone are God, living and true,  
dwelling in light inaccessible  
from before time and for ever.  
Fountain of life and source of all goodness,  
you made all things  
and fill them with your blessing;  
you created them to rejoice  
in the splendour of your radiance.  
Countless throngs of angels stand before you  
to serve you night and day,  
and, beholding your presence,  
they offer you unceasing praise.  
Joining with them,  
and giving voice to every creature under heaven,  
we acclaim you, and glorify your name,  
as we say,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power;  
your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.  
You formed us in your own image,  
giving the whole world into our care,  
so that, in obedience to you, our creator,  
we might rule and serve all your creatures.  
When our disobedience took us far from you,  
you did not abandon us to the power of death.  
In your mercy you came to our help,  
so that in seeking you we might find you.  
Again and again  
you called us into covenant with you,  
and through the prophets  
you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much  
that in the fullness of time  
you sent your only Son to be our Saviour.  
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
he lived as one of us, yet without sin.  
To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation;  
to prisoners, freedom;  
to the sorrowful, joy.  
To fulfil your purpose  
he gave himself up to death  
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death  
and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves,

but for him who died and rose for us,  
he sent the Holy Spirit,  
his own first gift for those who believe,  
to complete his work in the world,  
and to bring to fulfilment  
the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified  
by you, his heavenly Father,  
having loved his own who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end:  
at supper with them he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Father,  
we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption.  
Recalling Christ's death  
and descent among the dead,  
proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right  
hand,  
awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you,

from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,  
we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Father,  
we pray that in your goodness and mercy  
your Holy Spirit may descend upon us,  
and upon these gifts,  
sanctifying them and showing them  
to be holy gifts for your holy people,  
the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Grant that all who share this bread and this cup  
may become one body and one spirit,  
a living sacrifice in Christ  
to the praise of your name.

Remember, Lord,  
your one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
redeemed by the blood of your Christ.  
Reveal its unity, guard its faith,  
and preserve it in peace.

Remember Anne our Archbishop and all who minister  
in your Church.

Remember all your people,  
and those who seek your truth.

Remember those who have asked us to pray for them:

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Remember all who have died  
in the peace of Christ,  
and those whose faith is known to you alone;

bring them into the place  
of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance  
with the blessed Virgin Mary,  
with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, St  
Michael and All the Angels, along with and all other saints  
who have found favour with you in ages past.  
We praise you in union with them  
and give you glory  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty God and Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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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.**

### **Fraction Sentence 3**

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Creator of all,  
you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

### **Receiving Holy Communion**

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

*During this time we ask that you remain seated or standing where you are. The bread only will be distributed to you by the Presider or by a designated Eucharistic Assistant.*

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world  
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world  
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world  
grant - us peace**

### **The Prayer After Communion**

All your works praise you, O Lord.

**And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the  
body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;**

**we, who drink his cup, ring life to others;**

**we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so that we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**The Blessing:**

### **Announcements**

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

At the conclusion of the service, please remain seated until an usher dismisses you. If you are helping with post-



service cleaning or counting, please remain seated until ushers indicate it is safe to move about.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

## **Readings for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 20:1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-13

Matthew 21:33-46

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer - please pray for:** The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer - please pray for:**

**ACC**           The Bishop, people, and clergy of The Territory of the People

**ELCIC**         The dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: please pray for:** St. Michael and All Angels (Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>), **Thunder Bay**

**Lay Readers of the Diocese** – Pray for the Lay Readers as they attend their On Line Conference “*The Heart of the Lay Reader: Hearing God’s Voice Within*” (September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>), and for the ministries of all Lay Readers in the parishes, deaneries and diocese.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer - please pray for our own church members:** Mary Ellen Gouliquer, Lillian Graham, Ted and Donna Hamill, Glen and Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Len and Diane Hartley, Mary Louise Hill, Irene Humby, 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, and Madelynn and Rosalie, Doris Loon, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love. Kim MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, and 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.

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Fall for Jesus, he never leaves.



**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](mailto:chisholmsheilak@gmail.com)  
or text /phone 306-240-0771.

### **Reminder about Visitations:**

Pastoral care visits will be continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office or the Rectory if such a situation arises.

### **Dear Parishioners:**

At this time as we cautiously move to limited reopening of the building and in-person re-gathering for Sunday worship services ... *Here are some other things to take note of:*

- *The building will remain essentially closed indefinitely, though phone calls will be answered during office*

*hours. All gatherings, events or meetings (apart from worship services) 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.*
- 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.*

**Sunday Sermons:** 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 remain cancelled until further notice.

### **PWRDF Fundraiser Happening Now**

There is a PWRDF fundraiser in progress with a special event coming up on- line hosted by our Primate Linda Nichols. It is the **Ride for Refuge** project to raise funds for **St Jude's Family Centre in Uganda**. On September 27/20 at 7 pm Primate Linda will be live onstream singing and playing hymn requests and for this event hopefully playing some hymns on her flute. People are invited to make a donation to the PWRDF at [rideforrefuge.org](http://rideforrefuge.org) website and then email her at [primate@national.anglican.ca](mailto:primate@national.anglican.ca) and go to #ride 20 to request a hymn. If you put [rideforrefuge.org](http://rideforrefuge.org) in your google search engine you will be able to watch her first broadcast from earlier in the summer.

Linda Rintamaki (rep for PWRDF)

### **Plastic Container Collection**

We can no longer at this time accept Plastic Containers because of Covid 19 restrictions. We will let you know when Grace Place, and Dew Drop Inn request them again. Thank You.

Church Calendars 2021 – Call the office if you would like to get one or see Elizabeth Whalley



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### **Lay Readers:**

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Rector's Warden:

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Marjorie Tutkaluk

People's Warden:

Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden:

Sheila Chisholm

Co-Music Directors -

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)