

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

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18th, 2020

Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd Gail Clifton
Eucharistic Assistant: Erminie Reid

10:00 am

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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.

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast the word of life. *Philippians 2. 15, 16*

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

Glory to God – spoken

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Presider: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect for the Day

**Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your
gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and
reaching out to what is before, we may run the
way of your commandments and win the crown of
everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated for the readings.

**First Reading is from The Book of
Exodus 33: 12 - 23**

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have

found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;

he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the

1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope

in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22: 15 - 22

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon: Rev. Gail

A Time of Silence

The Apostles' Creed

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Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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.**

The Prayers of the People – BAS page 112

Litany #3

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”)

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for *N* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for *this city* and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized): that they may be strengthened in the faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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, by the power of the Holy Spirit, 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

**Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS – page 198

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;

you are the source of light and life for all our creations, you made us in your own image,

and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour,

Therefore we praise, you,

joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

**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 give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to
you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,

reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: 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 2

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We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ

**We, being many, are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.**

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**

**These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God**

The Prayer After Communion

**God of peace, you have nourished us in this
sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May
we who have taken holy things keep faith in our
hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Let us pray.
Amen.

Presider: Glory to God,
**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. 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 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12

Psalm 90: 1 - 6, 13 - 17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8

Matthew 22: 34 - 46

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - please pray for: The Episcopal Church, The Most Revd Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer – please pray for:

ACC Bishop Lynne McNaughton, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kootenay

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Vancouver Island Region of the British Columbia Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: please pray for: Pray for: St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, The Very Rev. James McShane, The Rev. Christian Pichette (Asst. Curate), The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins (Hon.), The Ven. Hugh Hamilton (Hon.), The Very Rev. Nelson Small (Dean Emeritus)

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie we pray-

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you in our Diocesan Cathedral of St. Luke may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 Kostecki, 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.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

To prepare for tomorrow, trust Jesus today.



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 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.

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

Christmas Items for Mission to Seafarers

Seafarers may not get home for Christmas and may not even be in a port during Christmas. They are one of our "Lifelines", bringing to the Thunder Bay goods we need and improve our economy by taking away goods being exported to foreign countries. Seafarers on ocean-going ships are away from home for six to twelve months to a year.

Suggested items you might choose to donate are: Mitts, gloves, toques, socks, neck warmers, playing cards, hand-held games & puzzles, small tool flashlight, screwdriver, tooth brush and paste, disposable razors, chap stick, small unbreakable Christmas Ornament, packets of Hot Chocolate, wrapped candy or gum

Donations may be given to your Mission Rep. or brought to the Seafarer's Centre (Keefer Intermodal, 100 Main St.) no later than the **second last Monday in November**.

Financial donations are also accepted that will be used to purchase additional items for the Gift Bags;

Contributions will be gratefully accepted; for additional information contact the Seafarers' Centre (807) 344-8241.



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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)