

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

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

Presider & Preacher:

The Rev'd George Porter, D. Phil.

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.

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *John 14.23*

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

**Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your
people and sent your servant Moses to lead them
out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and
death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to
our promised land; 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
Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalm 90: 1 – 6, 13 - 17

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul to
the 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

**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: 34 - 46

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

**Prayers of the People, together with Confession,
Absolution and The Peace**

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

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

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.

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.

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.**

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

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 5

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world

and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**All 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.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.
All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Glory to you 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 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 our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 All Saints Day

Revelation 7: 9 - 17

Psalm 34: 1 - 10, 22

1 John 3: 1 - 3

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - please pray for: The Church in Wales, and The Most Revd John Davies - Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

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

ACC

Archbishop Melissa Skelton, the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster

ELCIC/ACC An end to gender-based violence and human trafficking.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: please pray for:

Pray for: St. George's, Thunder Bay, Capt. Deb Everest (Lay Incumbent)

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 and Dennis, Quinne and Grant Ian and Virginia McEwen, and 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

When gratitude becomes your default setting, Life changes.



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. Calendars are \$5.00 each if picked up, or \$7.00 if you would like us to mail them to you.

PWRDF – World of Gifts 2020 - The Power of PPE

All donations to this program are matched 6:1 by the Government of Canada. Your gift of \$30 keeps a clinic safe for a day, so your \$30 gift becomes \$210.

From 2016 – 2020 PWRDF – All Mothers and Children Count program empowered women and girls through improved health and food security in Tanzania, Rwanda, Mozambique and Burundi. In June 2020, PWRDF was granted a one year extension to support AMCC partners through the Covid 19 Crisis.

Your donation will help supply health clinics with the medical grade Personal Protective Equipment, handwashing facilities and sanitizer for Community members coming into the clinics, and education tools to prevent the spread of Covid – 19. To order: visit online 24/7 at pwrdf.org/worldofgifts or call 1-877-936-9199

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 **Nov. 22**. Financial donations are also accepted (807) 344-8241.

Table Talk (in a Time of Pandemic):

We have discussed restarting Table Talk as we come into the fall/winter seasons. The aim of Table Talk is to gather around the table (in current circumstances a virtual table via Zoom) for respectful and in-depth conversation, consideration and dialogue regarding matters of concern to our spiritual lives. Generally we engage with biblical passages (following the principle articulated by N T Wright: 'Perhaps, indeed, that is what "holy scripture" really is—not a calm, serene list of truths to be learned or commands to be obeyed, but a jagged book that forces you to grow up in your thinking as you grapple with it') or other articles to focus our engagement with our diverse perspectives. Notifications are done via email, so if you would like to be included in the invitation list, or if you think your name has been inadvertently left off the list, email office@gatheringtable with a message to be included in the email thread.



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Jim Sutton

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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)