

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of
Canada

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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Lest we forget

Remembrance Sunday

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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.

'Your Peace Will Make Us One' – Audrey Assad

In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.



Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

- 3 May 1915 John McCrae

(As published in Punch Magazine, 8
December 1915)

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,
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 26: You Are God

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You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

The Collect

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear. Our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that the earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading is from The Book of

Joshua 24: 1 – 3a, 14 - 25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before

God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord,

the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78: 1 – 17

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 praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul to the 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**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 25:1-13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

The Sermon: George

O Canada

O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The True North, strong and free!

From far and wide,

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee

Acts of Remembrance

God Save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen

Long live our noble Queen,

God save the Queen:

Send her victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us:

God save the Queen.

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

Prayers of the People

18 A Responsive Intercession BAS Page 126 - 127

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.**

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

**Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed.
Receive all we offer you this day, and let your
loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of
Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving BAS – Page 581 - 583

Presider: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
whose victorious rising from the dead
has given to us the hope of resurrection

and the promise of eternal life.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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 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;**

Presider: 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 the 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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Presider: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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

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

Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

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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

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love our neighbours;
in power to work for reconciliation;
in hope to proclaim resurrection life.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

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.

Readings for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4: 1 - 7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11

Matthew 25: 14 - 30

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - please pray for: The Church in the Province of the West Indies, and The Most Revd Howard Gregory - Primate and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer – please pray for:

ACC The Principal, faculty, students, and staff of the Vancouver School of Theology

ELCIC The Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: please pray for:

All Diocesan Committees and Social Service Projects, and Pray for all those who work for peace and justice

Parish Cycle of Prayer - please pray for our own

church members: Alan and Cynthia Roy, and Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene Roy, John (Sandy) and Honor Shaw, Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, Sally Shewaybick, Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Dale and Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Peter and Marion Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim and Frances Sutton,

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

If God is your copilot, switch seats.

Table Talk via Zoom

Table Talk via Zoom on Thursday, at 7 pm has begun. If you would like your name added to the existing list, please email the office by Tuesday. The reference materials will be emailed each week.



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.

Christmas Items for Mission to Seafarers

Christmas is just around the corner, which means Gift Bags for seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay is looking for donations for Christmas Gift Bags to be given to seafarers in Dec. Our objective is to prepare for 14 ships with 19 bags/ship or 266 bags. Donations need to be at the Seafarers' Centre by Nov. 23, and suggested donations include mittens, gloves, toques, neck warmers, Chap Stick, hot chocolate packets and wrapped candy. In 2020, due to COVID-19, sanitization practices will be followed when putting the bags together and the items will be in a sealed plastic bag. Gift Bags are important this year because shore leave for seafarers has been restricted. For further information visit www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay or call (807) 344-8241.

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



Flowers today are in “Thanks” for all those that served in the wars throughout the years; and for those that made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve our country.

We also remember those that continue to serve,
to keep us safe today.

“We will Remember Them”.
from The Altar Guild



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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)