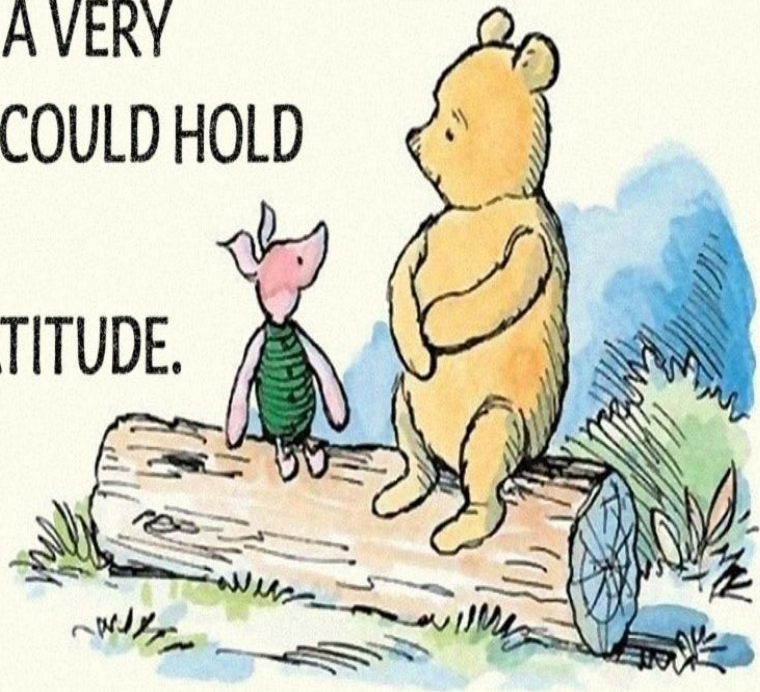


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PIGLET NOTICED THAT EVEN  
THOUGH HE HAD A VERY  
SMALL HEART, IT COULD HOLD  
A RATHER LARGE  
AMOUNT OF GRATITUDE.

**A.A. MILNE**



**‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !’**

**Been – Sa – gen, Jem na do waky gan ning**

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**WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE**

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**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.***

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

*John 15.5*

**The Gathering of the Community**

**BAS pg 185**

***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**

**BAS pg 94-95**

**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 acclaim  
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**

**Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive 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 Judges 4: 1 – 7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

**Psalm 123**

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his  
mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had  
more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the  
derision of the proud.

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul to  
the Thessalonians  
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and  
sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.  
For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord  
will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is  
peace and security," then sudden destruction will come  
upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,  
and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in  
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you  
are all children of light and children of the day; we are not  
of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as

others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**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: 14 - 30

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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

**The Sermon: George**

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

**Prayers of the People**

(Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, “Lord, hear and have mercy.”)

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the Prime Minister of this country, and for all who govern the nations, that they may strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For scholars and research-workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of Christ.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**The Confession and Absolution**



## **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 stand, as you are able, for the Eucharistic Prayer, and be seated for the distribution of Communion, and remain seated for the duration of the service.*

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Holy Eucharist**  
**Eucharistic Prayer 2** **BAS page 196 - 197**

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.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.  
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name

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**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.**

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BAS pg 211**

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**

**BAS pg 212**

*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.**

## **Prayer After Communion**

**Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen**

**Doxology**

**BAS page 214**

*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 Reign of Christ**

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 20 - 24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1: 15 - 23

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer - please pray for:** The Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey -

Bishop of Colombo, The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando -  
Bishop of Kurunegala

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

**ACC** The members of the Council of General Synod

**ELCIC** The members of the National Church Council

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: please pray for:** For those whose increasing years bring them isolation, distress, or weakness. May they be provided homes of dignity and peace, understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept assistance. When bodily strength decreases, may their faith increase and the assurance of God's abiding love be deepened.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer - please pray for our own church members:** Ellen Teahan, Violet Thomson, Paula Timmins, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, Elroy Ulmer, Robert Vienneau, Terry Wade, Evelyn Wallace, Elaine Waring, Barbara Warwick, Elizabeth Whalley, and Jim, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

**Please pray for:** Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

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

Prayer is the original wireless connection.

## **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](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>

**Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream



## **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](http://www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay) or call (807) 344-8241.





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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)