

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Officiating: James Sutton
Preaching: Frances Bennett-Sutton

July 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Welcome To Gathering Table

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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.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

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

Music Before the Liturgy: *Lord of the Starfields*
(Bruce Cockburn w Lyrics)

Presider: Lord, open our lips,

All: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider: O God, make speed to save us.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lord is our refuge and strength:

O come, let us worship.

Canticle

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A Song of Creation 1: Song of the Three

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

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters above the heavens. Sun and
moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold,
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days,
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
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praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

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The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading is from the second book of Samuel:
2 SAMUEL 7:1-14A**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus

says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

Psalm 89: 20-37

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, nor any wicked man bring him down. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, and he shall be victorious through my name.

I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River.

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.' I will make him my firstborn and higher than the kings of the earth.

I will keep my love for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.

I will establish his line for ever and his throne as the days of heaven.

If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my judgements;

If they break my statutes and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions with a rod and their iniquities with the lash;

But I will not take my love from him, nor let my faithfulness prove false.

I will not break my covenant, nor change what has gone out of my lips.

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: 'I will not lie to David.

His line shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me;

It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, the abiding witness in the sky.'"

**Second Reading is from
EPHESIANS 2:11-22**

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ

Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Lord Whose Love (CP 585)
Donna and Ted Hamill

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 - 56**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Sermon: Frances

A time of silence for reflection: *****

Music After Sermon:

When It's All Been Said and Done

Robin Mark

Affirmation of Faith:

Let us confess the faith in these words:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

his is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Collect of The Day

**Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new
and living way into your presence. Give us pure
hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit**

and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayers of the People

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

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 Anne our Archbishop, and for all bishops and other
ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

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.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

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.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

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.**

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**

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.

A Blessing:

Life is short
And we do not have much time
To Gladden the hearts of those
Who travel with us.
So may we be swift to love,
May we make haste to be kind
And may we go in Peace
To Love and serve the Lord

Amen.

Announcements

Closing Music: Blessed Jesus Leigh Nash

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth to be Christ's Body here on earth.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Readings for Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Acts 8: 26 - 40

Psalm 22: 24 - 30

1 John 4: 7 - 21.....

John 15: 1 - 8

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop and
the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary

ELCIC Rev. Prema Samuel, Assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls, The Ven. Marie Loewen

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Mary Ellen Gouliquer, Ted and Donna Hamill, Glen and Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Diane Hartley, Mary Louise Hill, Irene Humby, Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek and Denise Jetten, Hazel Johnson, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen, Alex and Sylvia Kostecky, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Colin Laraway,

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

Rest is a weapon given to us by God.
The enemy hates it because he wants us stressed and occupied.

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.

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.



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.”

Dear Parishioners:

At this time as we look forward to a time when we can meet safely in person, here are some things to remember

The building will remain essentially closed until further notice, though phone calls will be answered during office hours. All gatherings, events or meetings 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 still limited. 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



Do you miss being at **Camp Gitchigomee** again this year? Then check out www.campgitchigomee.ca for some exciting events happening for you to join in and have some fun at home. Chance to do secret pals, colouring contest, and an opportunity to get some people together and do a video or with a skit, or song or both. Enter as often as you want, and then you can join in our virtual campfire later this summer and watch the fun.

Camp Logs are also available for a small donation, to add to your collection.

Office Hours – July 20th – 22nd, 2021 – Closed
Open July 23rd, 2021 – 8 a.m. - Noon



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| People's Warden: | Jim Sutton |
| Deputy People's Warden: | Sheila Chisholm |
| Co-Music Directors - | Pianist Donna Hamill
Organist (Vacant) |

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2021

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.” *Micah 6:8*