

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada

Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd George Porter, D. Phil.

Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m.

28 March 2021
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WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their 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.

Opening Song: All Glory, Laude and Honour

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Greeting and prayer – BAS Page 297

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal

mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help,
Lord God of our salvation,
that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Gradual: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to:
John 12

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

John 12:12-16

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

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

The Blessing: BAS Page 298

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, almighty God,
for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Second Collect

Almighty and ever living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading is from the Book of Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those

who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 31: 1, 9 - 16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all

around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2: 5 - 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Sermon: George

A Time for Reflection:

Everything Cries Holy

Donna & Ted

The Apostles' Creed -

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Let us confess the faith of our baptism in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

Confession and Absolution – Page 191

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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 you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Creator, your word which summoned this world into existence, brought order out of chaos and beauty out of the formless, has infused the very air we breathe with the

precious perfume of your love. This word is the light by which our journey is illuminated, the light by which we see the beauty of this world, and the light we pass to those who would join us travelling in the hope and joy of your company.

Sustainer, your love extends to the boundaries of the universe yet is focused on humankind; weak, sinful, helpless, blown this-way-and-that-way individuals who you count as your children, wanting nothing more than to welcome them into your arms, prodigals returning to their home.

Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light for my path.

Healer, your love extends to the boundaries of humankind, to rich and poor, have and have-nots, oppressor and oppressed, thief and victim, for we are all in need of your forgiveness and reconciliation. We pray for all your children wherever they might be, especially in this time of global pandemic, in their joy and sorrow, fear, pain and suffering; that your word might comfort, your love heal and restore.

Your word is a lamp to my feet.

And a light for my path.

Reconciler, your love breaks through, demands to be noticed, exposes that which has been hidden, reveals the truth that has been concealed within the heart. We pray for those who exploit the poor, those whose business is slavery or persecution and those who hold power over life or death. We pray that your word, your love might bring

change, and bring light into hearts darkened by sin.
Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light for my path.

Saviour, your love has influence wherever it is shown; a shoulder to lean on, a willing ear to listen, a task performed, a gift given, a selfless act. Give special strength to those who daily give of themselves to care for the sick, the endangered and those in any need. We pray for Archbishop Anne and all those in positions of authority and responsibility. May they show your love and share your word through their actions and service, and may they and those they serve be blessed.

Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light for my path.

**Christ with us, Christ before us,
Christ behind us, Christ in us,
Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ on our right, Christ on our left,
Christ when we lie down, Christ when we sit
down, Christ when we arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of us,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of us,
Christ in every eye that sees us, Christ in every ear
that hears us.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Thanksgiving Prayer:

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Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience,

by which he overcame temptation;

for his dying, through which he overcame death;

for his rising to life again,

in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING MUSIC: RIDE ON, KING JESUS

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in
believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God

Readings for The Sunday of the Resurrection

Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 21

1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11

John 20: 1 - 18

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The theological colleges and training programs
within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The
Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan
Theological, College, and Queen's College

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the
Northwestern Ontario Area of the Manitoba-
Northwestern Ontario Synod

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
St. Thomas', Thunder Bay, The Rev. Jonathan
Blanchard**

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Adrian Boissoneau, Jim Bolt, Margaret Boone, Peter
Braunberger, and Carolin Braunberger-Houlding, David,
Abby and Liz, Mary Browne, Connie Bryson, Murray
Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Dosen, David L
Bythell, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila
Chisholm, Rev. Gail Clifton and Gail Pell, Bruno Coda,
Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts,
Maureen and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda
Coopman,

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

While the World changes, the Cross stands firm.

Church Calendars 2021 – Call the office if you would
like to get one . Calendars are \$5.00 each if picked up, or

\$7.00 if you would like us to mail them to you.



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 move back into the closing 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



Services 2021

April 1st, 2021 - Maundy Thursday - 3 pm

April 2nd, 2021 - Good Friday
& Stations of the Cross - 3 pm

April 4th, 2021 - Easter Sunday - 10 am



EASTER FLOWERS

In the Anglican Church, if we do something twice....is it **Tradition?**

We are closing in on our second non-gathering Easter at Gathering Table. Even so, we celebrate the unfathomable love of God toward all humanity, through Lent and Easter seasons.

Please consider donating toward the Easter flowers, in Celebration of His Love.

DEADLINE: Monday, March 29/21 to ensure your dedication or memorial appears in Easter Bulletins. Contact Rose Jardine by email at roseanew@tbaytel.net, or by voice mail / text at 621-1205, to add your name to the list AND provide the wording of your 'dedication'.

THEN:

Pay by cheque or money order, made out to Gathering Table ALTAR GUILD re Easter Flowers. Mail it to the church at:

228 Pearl Street, Thunder Bay, P7B 1E4.

Please include a written confirmation of your details, as above.

BUT....

If you prefer to not post your donation, please drop the envelope in the mailbox – but only with cheque or money order – no cash please. Avoid bringing envelopes to the office in person, for safety reasons. For assistance with any part of this '2020-2021' process, please DO email, call or text Rose. roseanew@tbaytel.net 621-1205



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MISSION TO SEAFARERS MEAT SALE

The Mission to Seafarers Annual Meat Sale fund-raiser is here again. The meat is from European Meats, is of excellent quality and gluten free. Please contact the Church office at 345-6898 (Tues. Wed. Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) to place an order, or call the Mission at 344-8241 or email flyingangel@tbaytel.net Orders must be place and paid for by Thursday , April 29th.

Pick up is on Wed. May 12.

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| Mild Legion Sausages | 5 lbs | \$ 32.00 |
| Hot Legion Sausages | 5 lbs | \$ 32.00 |
| Cheese Legion Sausages | 5 lbs | \$ 40.00 |
| Pepperettes | 8/pkg, 1 lb/pkg | \$ 8.50 |
| Garlic Chub (Kielbasa) | 2 lbs | \$ 17.00 |
| Lenkki (Baloney) Ring | | \$ 13.00 |
| Ham and Garlic Ring (Kielbasa) | | \$ 14.00 |
| Chicken Breast (unseasoned) | 4 kg | \$ 58.00 |
| 4 oz Beef Patty | 42 pcs | \$ 65.00 |
| Strip Loin Steak | 8 pcs | \$120.00 |



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Dr. Michelle Proudfoot

People's Warden:

Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden:

Sheila Chisholm

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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*