

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



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Officiating & Preaching  
The Rev'd George M Porter, DPhil**

August 8, 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.**

**Music Before the Liturgy:** La Grâce du Ciel

I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

John 6.51

**Opening Music:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

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Christ is the image of the unseen God,  
the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were all things made,  
in heaven and on earth.

Through him and for him were all things made,  
before all he exists, holds all things in one.  
The Church is his body, and he is its head.

He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead;  
in all things he alone is supreme.  
God made all his fullness to dwell in him,  
to reconcile through him all creation to himself,  
everything on earth and everything in heaven,

all gathered into peace by his death on the cross.

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## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading is from The First Book of Kings  
1 Kings 19: 4 – 8**

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God

This is The Word of The Lord  
**Thanks Be To God**

## **Psalm 130**

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to

those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

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**A Gradual:** I Am the Bread of Life

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John 6: 35, 41-51**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

A Sermon: **George**

**A time of silence for reflection:**  
What Wondrous Love Is This

**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, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the  
life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to  
the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth  
the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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**

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make us rich with his blessing, that we may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever – the blessing of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – be with us now and forever more. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**Closing Music:** I Saw the Light

**Dismissal**

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

**Readings for St. Mary the Virgin**

Isaiah 7: 10 - 15.....

Psalm 132: 6 - 10, 13 - 14

Galatians 4: 4 - 7...

Luke 1: 46 - 55 or Luke 2: 1 - 7

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:**

.....The Church of South India (United)

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. Robert Hardwick, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:**

Christ Church, Ilfracombe

Christ Church, Port Sydney

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

**Please pray for our own church members:** David and Erminie Reid, Matthew and Desiree Reilly, and

Madison and Owen, Jonas Riauka, William and Lillian Richmond, Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary Ripley, and Grace Dawson, Muriel Rowan, Alan and Cynthia Roy, and Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene Roy, Marlene Salmonson, Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Dale and Sharon Sparkes,

**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)

The Bread of Life never gets stale.

**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](mailto: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

## **PWRDF announces matching funding for Light for Every Birth project**

The future looks even brighter for moms and babies at rural health clinics in Mozambique awaiting installation of a “solar suitcase.” A generous donor has offered to match all donations to the Light for Every Birth project, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000. Funds must be donated by September 30, 2021.

A solar suitcase is a wall-mounted device that attaches to a solar panel on the roof of the clinic. The “suitcase” opens to reveal phone charging ports, a head lamp and a fetal Doppler. In 2016, PWRDF installed 30 solar suitcases which have made a significant impact on safe labour, delivery and post-natal care. PWRDF is now preparing to bring light to 50 more clinics.

You can help!

- make a donation
- watch and share our video
- organize a fundraiser as an individual, group, parish, deanery or diocese
- Invite PWRDF to join a virtual (live or recorded) service
- pray for the project and the people it will support
- participate in this year’s Ride for Refuge
- join our webinar on June 22 to meet our partner in Mozambique and learn more

Visit our Light for Every Birth page on our website at [pwrdf.org/solarsuitcases2021](http://pwrdf.org/solarsuitcases2021).



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Oh come, let us worship!

August 15<sup>th</sup> will not only mark the Feast of the Virgin Mary, but we are planning for it to also be the first Sunday when we open the morning service for in-person worship once again. Maybe not on quite the scale of the anticipation of the coming of the Messiah, but it is a day we've been anticipating for some time now. We will welcome the presence of the Christ in our re-Gathered midst as we celebrate together the first Eucharist in a long time.

While we are not yet in the full 'green stage' yet, this will be a re-Gathering within the limits set by various government and diocesan protocols, as well as our own leadership discernment. The wardens, myself and the Parish Advisory Committee are working very hard on a plan to re-open, re-Gather and re-turn as fully and safely as possible. There will be some changes from the last time we were reopened, so please watch for information to come.

At this point, there are things we are not doing (like



singing and in-building social gatherings). When it is deemed safe to do so, we will add these elements into our worship format. God is not limited by what we ‘can’t do’, and there are many things that we ‘can do’ to make this truly a celebration of re-Gathering as we await the time when we can fully re-Gather.

We are also aware that there will be some of you who, for various reasons, will not feel you can re-Gather physically in-person. We understand! The live-streaming ministry will continue to be available to you, so please know you are just as fully part of the community as those who do come to the building.

Oh come, let us worship!

Godspeed.

George+

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Dr. Michelle Proudfoot

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Jim Sutton

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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*