

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

*"Yes, the priest  
presides. But Christ  
is the host. Christ is  
the one who welcomes  
us here. It is His  
table, and it is  
Christ Himself with  
whom we are fed."*

- Archbishop Fred Hiltz (ret.),  
former Primate of Canada,  
Anglican Church of Canada;  
08/08/21



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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

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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 22, 2021**

**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.

**Music before the Service: Reconciliation Song**

Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. John 6.68

**Opening Music: Comfort My People**

**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 27**

**BAS pg 95**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 Joshua**

### **Joshua 24:1-2, 14 - 18**

#### **The Tribes Renew the Covenant**

**24** 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. <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> “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. <sup>15</sup> 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.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> 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; <sup>18</sup> 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.”

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

## **Psalm 84**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of

Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

## **Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

### **Ephesians 6: 10 – 20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything,

to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

**A Gradual:**        To Whom Shall We Go?

*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 John 6: 56-69**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

This is the Gospel of Christ.



## **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **The Sermon: George**

### **A Time of Reflection: To Whom Shall We Go?**

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

### **Prayers of the People Litany 1           BAS Pgs 110-111** (In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Anne, our Archbishop and all our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Canada as we consider the upcoming federal election; for this city of Thunder Bay and surrounding communities , for every city and community, and for those who live in them in

faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially ...), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died (especially . . . ), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering ( . . . and) all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in

thee Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen..

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

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 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.**

## **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.**

## **Offertory:**

*Please be seated through the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of Communion.*

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 2 BAS 196

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Presider:* 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.

**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:* 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 1**

**BAS pg 212**

*Presider:* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

***All* Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

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, increase in us the healing power of  
your love. Guide and direct us that we may please**



**you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Doxology**

**BAS - pg 214**

*Celebrant:* 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**

**Closing Music:** Siyahamba

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord.  
**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 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Song of Solomon 2: 8 – 13

Psalm 45: 1 – 2, 7 – 10

James 1: 17 – 27.....

Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 - 23

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

The Anglican Church of South America

## **Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

### **Please Pray for:**

**ACC**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan

**ELCIC**

The dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

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

**St. John the Divine, North Bay, The Rev. Grant Churcher (Hon.)**

## **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

### **Please pray for our own church members:**

Bruce and Georgina Adderley, Roberta Adderley, Angela Alberta and Ava, Katelin Anderson, Ryan Thrasher, Brooke-Lynn ,Scarlett, and Olivia, Margaret Aris, Darlene Armstrong, Errol Atkinson, Wilson Barton, Sabata Baya, Brandon and Ellen Beaudry and Clint, Richard and Lesley BeauParlant, Wendy Bell, Ellie Bennett , Kerri and Shane Bernardi, Sydney and Samuel, Kim Bienvenue, Adrian Boissoneau, Jim Bolt, Margaret Boone,

**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)

Followers of Jesus, don't always know where they are going,  
but they always know who they are with.

**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.

**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).



Do you miss being at **Camp Gitchigomee** again this year? Then check out [www.campgitchigomee.ca](http://www.campgitchigomee.ca) for some exciting events happening for you to join in and have some fun at home. **Camp Logs** are also available for a small donation, to add to your collection.

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Marg Boone

Deputy Rector's Warden:

Dr. Michelle Proudfoot

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*