

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

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

10:00 am

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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 Service: The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. *James 1.18*

Opening Music: Royalty

The Gathering of the Community

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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 11

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Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors

a holy people and blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,
withstood dread kings with wonders and signs.

To the saints she gave the reward of their labours,
and led them by a marvellous way;
she was their shelter by day
and their starlight through the night.

She brought them across the Red Sea,
led them through mighty waters,
but their enemies she swallowed in the waves
and spat them out from the depths of the abyss.

Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your name,
and praised with one voice your protecting hand,
for Wisdom opened the mouths of the dumb,
and gave speech to the tongues of babes. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 The Song of Solomon

Song of Solomon 2: 8 – 13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

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

Psalm 45: 1 – 2, 7 - 10

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Second Reading is from The Letter of James

James 1: 17 – 27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their

distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

A Gradual: Refiner's Fire

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 Mark 7:1-8, 14-23**

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: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

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(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: Wayfaring Stranger

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

Prayer over the Gifts

**Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another that your love
may be made perfect in us. 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

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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

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We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**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.**

The Prayer After Communion

**Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the
bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in
love and help us to serve you in each other. We
ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Doxology

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**Glory to God,
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: Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

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 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a

Psalm 125

James 2: 1 – 17.....

Mark 7: 24 - 37

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Chris Harper, Bishop, and the
 clergy and people of the Diocese of
 Saskatoon

ELCIC Bishop Greg Mohr, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
St. Simon's, Temagami, Holy Trinity, Temiscaming
The Rev. Dr. Derek Neal

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

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

The soul always knows what to do to heal itself.
The challenge is to silence the mind.

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

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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



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Dr. Michelle Proudfoot

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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*