

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



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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First Sunday in Creation Season
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 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: Creation Calls

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom
and healed every infirmity among the people.

Matthew 4.23

Opening Music: Morning Has Broken

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

**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.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,**

praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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
(Please be seated for the readings.)

**First Reading is from The Book of
Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes

This is the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

Second Reading is from The Letter of James

James 2: 1 – 17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions

among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

A Gradual: This Is My Father's World

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 7:24-37**

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: Healer of My Soul

*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: Beautiful Saviour

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer 4

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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: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,

in their unending hymn:

**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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,

we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.

Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of 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.**

Music during Communion:

Wind Upon the Water *(Donna & Ted)*

Creation Hymn

The Prayer After Communion

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: How Great Thou Art (Cree)

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 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a....

Psalm 19

James 3: 1 – 12

Mark 8: 27 - 38

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Season of Creation

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College, for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry,

ELCIC/ACC The Right to Water and a renewed commitment to the stewardship of creation.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Christian Education Leaders, Teachers, and Students in the Theological Colleges: Thorneloe University and St. Mark's Chapel, The Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut, President and Provost (Thorneloe)/Chaplain of St. Mark's

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy Crocker, Scot and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Mary, Sheila Douglas, Mary Edwards, Emil and Margot Engler, and Steven and

Abby, Rose Everall, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill, Melanie Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod,

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

What's holding us back
is the thought that something is holding us back.

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.

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



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

**2022 Canadian Church Calendars
have arrived in the office. Just \$5.00 each**



Coming Soon
A Perennial Plant Sale - With A Difference

We are downsizing the flower beds behind the parish house and offering a variety of plants for you and your friends. It is a ...

“TAKE - OUT SALE”.

You bring your containers, gloves and shovels.

Take - Out the plants you would like
and make a donation to Gathering Table.
Cash or a cheque written to Gathering Table.

WHEN? SAT. SEPT. 11

FROM 10 until 12.

If lightly raining still on.

If a downpour then Sat. Sept. 18 from 10 - 12.

LOOKING FOR: 2 - 3 volunteers
to help me with greeting and accepting money.
Please call Erminie at 767 - 4566.

MASKS REQUIRED

by everyone as we can't maintain the social distancing.

Large and small plant varieties include:
Bergenia, Hosta, Lilies, Astible, pink Phlox, Veronica,
Solomon's Seal, Mallow, Blue Bells, ground covers and
maybe some mystery plants.

Looking forward to seeing you at the sale.

PWRDF Vaccine Equity Fund

When you receive your vaccine, “Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF’s Vaccine Equity Fund. Your gift will support PWRDF partners in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollout, including work already underway to supply PPE, thermometers, sanitation and handwashing facilities, and accurate public health information.

Money donated to this fund will be used to support our partners as they prepare for vaccine rollout in the coming months. For the past year, PWRDF has provided funds to several partners to cope with the effects of COVID-19:

- keeping a hospital open in Haiti
- supplying medical equipment at the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya
- providing income opportunities in Bangladesh
- supporting food relief and crop restoration in Zimbabwe.

You may also donate over the phone by calling Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call. Or, send a cheque with

“Vaccine Equity Fund” in the memo field to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St. Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2.

For further information about how you can support the Vaccine Equity Fund or other PWRDF initiatives please speak to your local PWRDF Representative

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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*