

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Fifth Sunday in Creation Season

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi [observed]

October 3, 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: Brother Sun, Sister Moon

If we love one another, God abides in us
and his love is perfected in us. *1 John 4.12*

Opening Music: Peace Prayer

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

The Gloria [spoken]

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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

**Almighty God, you have built your Church on the
foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus
Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join
us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that
we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
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 Book of
Genesis 2: 18 - 24**

18 Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.”

19 So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man^[a] there was not found a helper as his partner.

21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

23 Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man^[c] this one was taken.”

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh

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

Psalm 26

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

Whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hand full of bribes.

As for me, I will live with integrity; redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me. My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

**Second Reading is from The Letter of Hebrews
Hebrews 1: 1 – 4, 2:5 - 12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It

was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

A Gradual: Let the Little Children Come to Me

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 10:2-16**

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: Why Do We Hunger for Beauty?

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

Prayers of the People

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Anne, our Archbishop, Archbishop Mark, Bishop Lydia; remember Gail, our Honorary Assistant and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination.

Remember those who have asked us to pray for them, as well as others on our hearts and in our minds.

Remember the lonely, the traumatised and those isolated to the margins of our society, the homeless and hungry, those in prison and refugees, the victims of war and oppression, those who suffer most from the adverse effects of pandemic and climate change.

On this Feast of St Francis of Assisi we remember the other creatures with which we share this earth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St Francis of Assisi, and all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: Only In God

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

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of truth, receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the
pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

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.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.
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 3

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Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.
**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

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, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask 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: Ode to Joy

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 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5: 5 - 7, 10 - 15

Psalm 90: 12 - 17

Hebrews 4: 12 - 16

Mark 10: 17 - 31

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Season of Creation

The Church in Wales

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop,
and clergy and people of the Diocese of
British Columbia

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the
Lower Mainland Region of the British
Columbia Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

St. Alban the Martyr, Capreol, Parish of Wawa/White
River, St. Paul's, Wawa, All Saints', White River

Please pray for the lay leadership at St. Alban's, St.
Paul's and All Saints' as they provide crucial ministry and
guidance in their communities.

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, 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

Understanding a child's ability to have a love relationship with Jesus, is underestimating GOD.

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

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



Empty Bowls
Caring Hearts

2021 Drive Thru
Moose Hall (drive thru)
Saturday, October 16th, from 11-3pm.

Empty Bowls 2021 Tickets Now Available

<https://emptybowls-thunderbay.square.site/>

to order your ticket, and choose which kind of soup you would like, or get your empty bowl without soup.

THANK YOU FROM PWRDF

Dear friends,

We called and you answered. Thanks to you, new moms and babies in Mozambique will have the safest birth possible. With your help we have raised \$100,000 toward the Light for Every Birth project that will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous anonymous donor - and we did it four days before the September 30 deadline! Thank you to everyone who made reaching this goal possible.

Although the matching funds have been met, the total cost for the project is \$290,000. Every donation still counts and will help us provide all 50 health clinics in rural Mozambique with solar suitcases. If you haven't sent your gift yet, it is still needed to ensure that we can support as many clinics as possible.

Thank you again for your generosity and for supporting PWRDF as we strive to create a truly just, healthy and peaceful world for all.

Sincerely, Carolyn Cummins,
Director of Fundraising & Supporter Relations





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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*