

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



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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 10, 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:** The Pleiades and Orion

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5.3*

**Opening Music:** Lord of the Starfield

**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 2 “Song of Peace”**

**BAS pages 75-76**

In the days to come

the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall tower as the highest of mountains  
and be raised above the hills.

There shall all the nations flow;  
many peoples shall come and say:  
“Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
that we may walk in his paths.”

For the law shall go out from Zion,  
from Jerusalem the word of the Lord .  
He shall judge between the nations  
and decide for many peoples.

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, their  
spears into pruning-knives;  
nation shall not lift sword against nation;  
they shall never train for war again.

O people of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.       **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

**Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for  
your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within  
us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind,  
may worship you in sincerity and truth; 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  
Amos 5: 6 – 7, 10 - 15**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup> Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup> They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they  
abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore because you trample on the poor and take  
from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn  
stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted  
pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions, and how  
great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who  
take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for  
it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so

the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

**Psalm 90: 12 – 17**

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

<sup>13</sup> Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

## **The Second Readings is from The Book of Hebrews 4: 12 – 16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**A Gradual:** Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

*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 10:17 - 31**

## **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:** Lord Whose Love

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

### **Prayers of the People**

**Litany 5**

**BAS Pages 114-115**

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen Elizabeth, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.



**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

**Lord, hear our prayer. 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 holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints of every generation, that we have sinned by our own fault 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 constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**The Holy Eucharist**  
**Eucharistic Prayer 5** **BAS pgs 204-206**

**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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**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.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He

suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Glory to you for ever and ever. 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**

**BAS pg 212**

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**

**Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## **Doxology**

**BAS - pg 214**

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  
Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Music:** I Saw the Light

## **Dismissal**

Let us 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 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 53: 4 – 12 ....

Psalms 91: 9 – 16

Hebrews 5: 1 – 10 ..

Mark 10: 35 – 45

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

*Season of Creation*

The Church of the Province of West Africa

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

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop,  
and the clergy and people of the Diocese  
of Caledonia

**ELCIC/ACC** People and ministries working to address  
issues of poverty, homelessness, and  
affordable housing.

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

Thanksgiving Sunday. Pray for parishes/congregations in transition that they will embrace God's vision for their future and that He will grace them with the ability to focus on their ministry and mission in the world as a people of hope and faith.

## **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

**Please pray for our own church members:** Tom and Colleen Speer, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Peter Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim and Frances Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Violet Thomson, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, Elroy Ulmer, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Elaine Waring, Barbara Warwick,



Elizabeth Whalley, and Jim, Carl and Roberta Wolfe,  
Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and  
Riley, Anne Zale

**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)

Don't worry – Pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need and Thank him for all He has done.

### **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

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## **Mission to Seafarers – Thunder Bay**

MTS-Thunder Bay is celebrating its 60th anniversary on Dec. 6, 2021. It will be holding a special Holy Communion service on that date at Our Saviour's. The Chair of the board of MTS-TB for 2021-2022: Pastor Matthew

Although the pandemic greatly affected operations in 2020, it was able to continue its ministry:

- providing ministry to seafarers and port personnel who request its services (Chaplain: Canon Ed Swayze + 23 volunteers)
- visit seafarers aboard ocean-going ships in the Port of Thunder Bay (2020: 50 ships visited/serviced)
- transport seafarers to shopping, the Seafarers' Center and upon request to worship or for a tour of the city (157)
- Operate the Seafarers' Centre (100 Main St.) as a welcoming place where seafarers are provided with an opportunity to connect with volunteers and relax, use communications facilities to contact their family, find Bibles in various languages, and receive donations of warm clothing (83)
- Deliver *Christmas Bag Gift Bags*, **They need to be at the Seafarers' Centre by November 22.** *Suggested donations include mittens, gloves, writing paper, and wrapped candy.*
- Offer an annual Blessing of the Fleet service for local mariners

- *Mid-day Prayers*: Mid-Day Prayers and Coffee are being offered on a monthly basis on the first Wednesday of the month at noon: Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. We will continue it until we are able to resume holding the Eucharist. To join Zoom Prayers click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89162986646?pwd=T3A4aTVqZzVvYk5lQoE1Vm1RNTMvZz09>

### **-Help Needed: Finance Committee**

**The Board has set up a Finance Committee.** We are looking for 2 non board members. The committee's functions are to advise the Treasurer with respect to:

- a. financial statements;
- b. managing investments;
- c. advice on financial administrative procedures; and
- d. any other tasks assigned by the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being appointed to this Committee, please contact Chaplain Ed.

### **Treasurer**

Our treasurer, Brad Yeo, has tendered his resignation after 13 years of faithful service, effective December 31, 2021.

We are searching for a new treasurer, and if you know of a suitable candidate, please let Chaplain Ed know.

In Christ's service

**Canon Ed Swayze**

*Chaplain*

For more information, including to volunteer, visit [www.missiontoseafarers.ca](http://www.missiontoseafarers.ca) .



Blessings and good wishes to

*David and Erminie Reid*

who celebrated 50 years of marriage on October 9<sup>th</sup>  
The flowers for the service on Sunday, October 10  
are given by their children  
Elizabeth and Kathleen  
to honour and celebrate God's witness  
of their wedding 50 years ago.



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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*