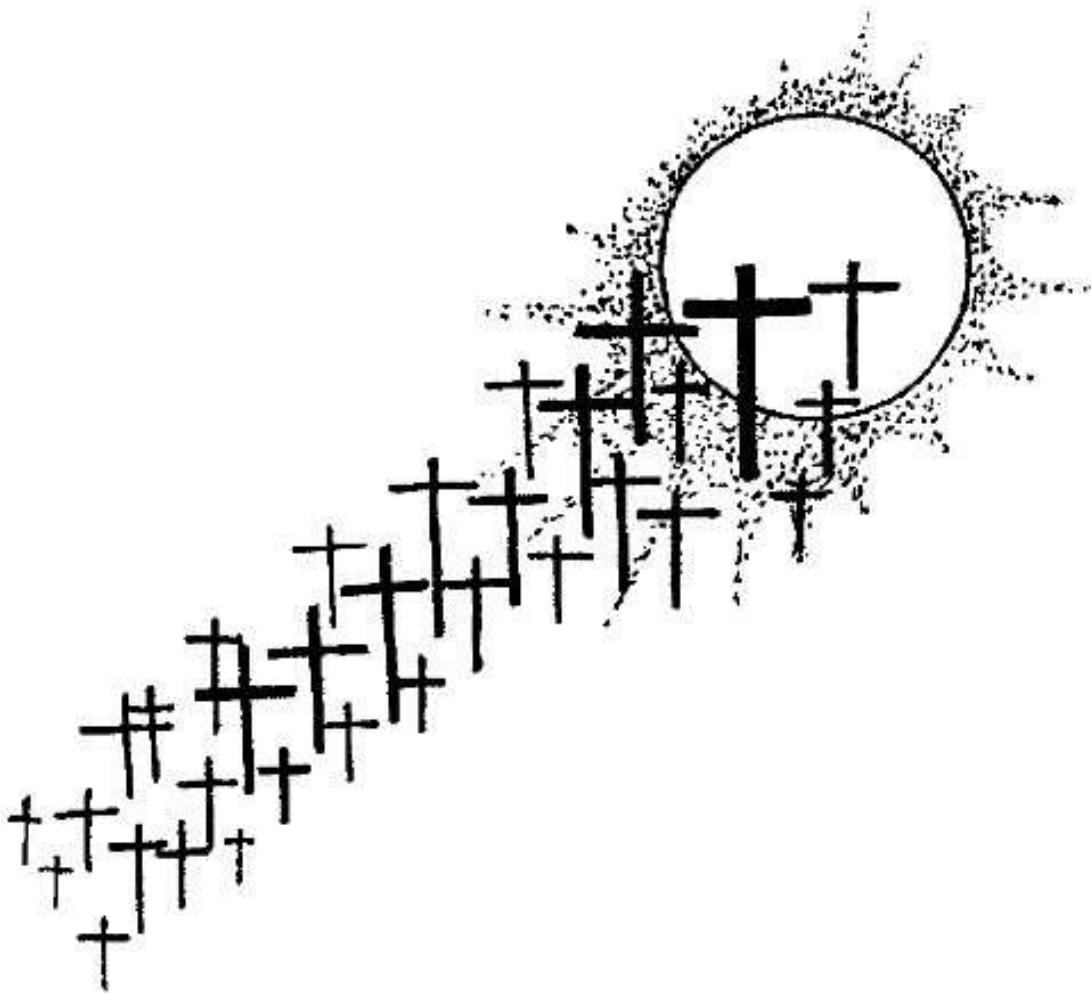


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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Officiating & Preaching:
The Rev. Gail M. Clifton, M. Div**

October 31st, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Welcome To Gathering Table

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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 Liturgy: Uvi Caritis

If you love me, you will keep my word,
and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

John 14.23

Opening Music: CP 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Gathering of the Community

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Please stand, as you are able, for the Gathering of the Community

Presider: Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Presider: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord is our refuge and strength:

O come, let us worship.

Venite

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Psalm 95: 1 – 7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, *

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

**and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lord is our Refuge and strength:
O come, let us worship.

The Proclamation of the Word
(Please be seated for the readings.)

**First Reading is from The Book of
Ruth 1: 1 – 18**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she

and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die - there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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

Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

**Second Reading is from The Book of
Hebrews 9: 11 – 14**

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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

A Gradual: CP 485 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 12: 28 - 34**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Sermon: Rev. Gail

A time of silence for reflection:

Affirmation of Faith:

Let us confess the faith in these words:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

his is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Collect of The Day

Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayers of the People

Dale Sparkes

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

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.

**A Blessing
Announcements**

Closing Music: CP 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth to be Christ's Body here on earth.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANK YOU.....from George and Nancy.....

Thank you to all the Gathering Table members and friends who came in person last Sunday morning, as well as others who found other ways to say good-bye and offer your prayerful blessings. Thank you also for the gifts you brought or sent to us. Godspeed! Mitákuye Oyás'ın!

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 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21: 1 – 6a

John 11: 32 – 44

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

4th Sunday before Advent

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

All Saints' Day

The Diocese of Gwagwalada – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion) (*Abuja Province*)

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Leslie Wheeler-Dame, Bishop, and
the clergy and people of the Diocese of Yukon

ELCIC The president, faculty, students, and staff of
Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

All Diocesan Committees and Social Service Projects

Pray for all those who work for peace and justice

for Monday, November 1st – All Saints' Day

All Saints, Huntsville, and The Ven. Kelly Baetz

All Saints, Coniston and the The Rev. Canon Genny
Rollins

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

Each day is a new opportunity to live out God's plan for us.

Reminder about Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office 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



Lest we forget

Gathering Table Office will be closed on
November 11th, 2021

Office will be open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 8th, Tues. Nov. 9th, Wed., Nov. 10th

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



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)

- *Mid-day Prayers*: Mid-Day Prayers and Coffee are being offered on a monthly basis on the first Wednesday of the month at noon: 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>



Annual Christmas Bag Gift Bags For Seafarers

**They need to be at the Seafarers' Centre by
November 22.**

Items that we would welcome include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, soap, razors, small shower gel and shampoo, socks, gloves, toques (home made or bought), chocolate. No scarfs as they are dangerous onboard.

An income tax receipt will be given for any cash/cheque donations. You can also donate online by going to 'Donate' on this website and choosing 'Christmas Appeal'.

Please call ahead if donations are to be left at the Mission to Seafarers located at 401 E. Waterfront Rd (over the flyover on Main St and turn left and to the end)

Suggested donations include mittens, gloves, writing paper, and wrapped candy, or cash donations to purchase items need to complete the bags.

In Christ's service **Canon Ed Swayze Chaplain**

For more information, including to volunteer, visit www.missiontoseafarers.ca .



Set your clocks back one hour



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Brenda O'Neill and Jim Sutton, **On Leave:** Kim Bienvenue,

Lay Reader in Training: Richard Pepper

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| Rector's Warden: | 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*