

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



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Officiating: Jim Sutton
Preaching: Frances Bennett-Sutton**

November 7, 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.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11. 25, 26

Music Before the Liturgy: Speak O Lord

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 glorious in his saints:

O come, let us worship.

Canticle 26: You Are God

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You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

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 Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation

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

Psalm 24

Entrance into the Temple Of David. A Psalm.

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

² for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not
lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear
deceitfully.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient
doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in
battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient
doors! that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**Second Reading is from The Book of
Revelation 21: 1 – 6a**

The New Heaven and the New Earth

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

A Gradual: How Can I keep from Singing

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 11: 32 - 44**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

A Sermon: Frances Bennett-Sutton

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.

Music: Lord in Your Mercy

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The Collect

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son 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

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; to respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth;

For those suffering from the effects of climate change, and for those labouring to resolve this emergency.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the
friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who
seek the truth.**

For Anne our Archbishop, and for all bishops and other
ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.
**For Archbishop Anne and the Concurrence
Committee as they seek a new Incumbent for
this parish of Gathering Table.**

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son
Jesus 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**

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

May God bless us with *discomfort* at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with *anger* at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with *tears* to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough *foolishness* to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

Announcements

Closing Music: For All the Saints

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth to be Christ's Body here on earth.
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 25th Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 1: 4 – 20 .

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10: 11 - 25

Mark 13: 1 - 8

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

3rd Sunday before Advent

**The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia**

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC

The Principal, faculty, students, and staff of
the Vancouver School of Theology

ELCIC The Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: All Saints, Huntsville and The Ven. Kelly Baetz: All Saints, Coniston and The Rev. Canon Genny Rollins

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Mary Ellen Gouliquer, Ted and Donna Hamill, Glen and Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Diane Hartley, Mary Louise Hill, Irene Humby, Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek and Denise Jetten, Hazel Johnson, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen, Alex and Sylvia Kostecky, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Colin Laraway,

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

Jesus keeps it real.

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

2022 Canadian Church Calendars Are Sold Out.



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



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: 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=T3A4aTVqZzVvYk5lQ0E1Vm1RNTMvZz09>





**Annual Christmas Bag Gift Bags
For Seafarers
They need to be at the Seafarers' Centre by
November 22.**

Items that we would welcome include: Mittens, gloves, toques, neck warmers, Chap Stick, hot chocolate packets and wrapped candy. Sanitization practices will be followed when putting the bags together and the items will be in a sealed plastic bag. Gift Bags are important this year because shore leave for seafarers has been restricted. 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 .



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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*