Gathering Table a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Remembrance Sunday



November 14th, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Welcome To Gathering Table

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.

Please stand

Opening Music: O Canada!

Watch at all times, praying that you may stand before the Son of man. Luke 21.28

Opening Liturgy Music: Remembrance *Hillsong Worship*

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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.**

Canticle 26: You Are God

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 acclaims 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.

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

First Reading is from The First Book of Samuel 1 Samuel 1: 4 – 20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant,

and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favour in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

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

Psalm 16

Song of Trust and Security in God A Miktam of David. ¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

- ² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."[a]
- ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;^[b] their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
- ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol,

or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading is from The Letter of The Hebrews 10: 11 - 25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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A Gradual: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13: 1 - 8

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon / Message: Brenda O'Neill

A time of silence for reflection:

What Shall We Pray For Those Who Died?

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, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Collect

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear. Our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that the earth may know the

peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

Please sit, kneel or stand as is your custom for Prayers of the People.

Prayers of the People

Rose Jardine

Confession and Absolution:

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Moment of Silence is kept.

ALL: Most merciful God, All 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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through 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.

Announcements

Closing Liturgy Music: Jesus Shall Reign

Please Stand:

Closing Song: God Save the Queen

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 postservice cleaning or counting, please remain seated until ushers indicate it is safe to move about.

Readings for the Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23: 1 - 7 ..Psalm 93Revelation 1: 4b - 8John 18: 33 - 37

<u>Anglican Cycle of Prayer</u> Please Pray for: 2nd Sunday before Advent The Anglican Church of Australia

<u>Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :</u> Please Pray for:

ACC The members of the Council of General SynodELCIC The members of the National Church Council

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

We pray for those whose increasing years bring them isolation, distress, or weakness. May they be provided homes of dignity and peace, understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept assistance. When bodily strength decreases, may their faith increase and the assurance of God's abiding love be deepened.

<u>Parish Cycle of Prayer</u>

Please pray for our own church members:

Al and Jessica Lauzon, and Madelynn and Rosalie, Doris Loon, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love, Kim MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, David Marler, Jean McAlpine-Marler, Brock and Gail Marshall, Doris Marshall, Ian and Virginia McEwen, Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahon, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna,

<u>Please Pray For</u>: 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 <u>www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com</u> When things fall apart, God is always with us to help!

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 <u>chisholmsheilak@gmail.com</u> 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.





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=T3A4aT VqZzVvYk5lQ0E1Vm1RNTMvZz09



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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Marg Boone Dr. Michelle Proudfoot Jim Sutton Sheila Chisholm 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*