

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

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost
THE REIGN OF CHRIST**

**Officiating & Preaching:
The Rev. Gail M. Clifton, M. Div
Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue**

November 21st, 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:

CP 114 Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Mark 11. 9, 10

Opening Music: **CP 379 Rejoice, the Lord is King**

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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.**

GLORY TO GOD (Said)

Presider: Glory to God in the highest,

All and peace to his 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.**

**Collect for The Last Sunday After Pentecost
The Reign of Christ**

**Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to
restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our
Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and
brought together under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading is from the Second Book of Samuel
2 Samuel 23: 1 – 7**

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an

everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

PSALM 93

The Majesty of God's Rule

¹The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

²your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves^[a] of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

⁵Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

The Second Reading is from Revelation to John Revelation 1: 4b - 8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual: CP 321

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 18: 33 - 37**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

Sermon: Rev. Gail Clifton

Time of Silence

The Nicene Creed

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Let us confess our faith, as we say:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.****

Prayers of The People

The Confession and Absolution – Page 191

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites us to his 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 you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you 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: CP 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.

Prayer Over The Gifts.

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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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: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
You exalted him as Lord of all creation
that he might present to you
an eternal and universal kingdom:
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.
Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow
as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

**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 thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you.
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

and said, "Take, eat:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
And when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to
you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,

may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: 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 #6

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Presider: We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life. Amen**

Communion

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
the sins of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sins of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sins of the world
grant - us peace

The Prayer After Communion

**Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the
world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ the Lord. Amen**

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:

Closing

Anouncements:

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Closing Music: CP 88

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

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 First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

Psalm 25: 1 - 9

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13

Luke 12: 25 - 36

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Christ the King

The Church of Bangladesh

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

- The Primate and National Bishop •
- the diocesan and synodical bishops in whose region the congregation is located and •
- the dean of the Lutheran Area and for the Anglican archdeacon and/or regional dean in whose region the congregation is located •
- the members and work of the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ
Christ Church, North Bay, The Ven. Joan Locke
The Ven. Linda White (Hon.), **Christ Church, Sault Ste. Marie**, The Rev. Raymond Knight (Interim)

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

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, and Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahon, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna,

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

Truth is truth even if no one believes it.

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

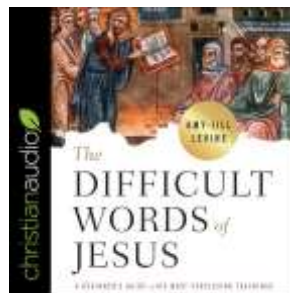
During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact

Sheila Chisholm at chisholmsheilak@gmail.com
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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

Advent Book Study – The Difficult Words of Jesus
Author Amy-Jill Levine

By The Rev'd Gail Clifton M. Div



Study to run Tues., Nov. 30th, - Tues. Dec 7th and 14th 2021
from 2 – 4 p.m.

In the Parish Hall, and via Zoom
The Book can be purchased from Amazon
Kindle \$14.99 or a paper copy for \$20.99
Please Contact Rev. Gail Clifton 768-9865

(all COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to)





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

TOMORROW - 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'.

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



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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*